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## TEUTONS ARE BUSY ENDEAVORING TO SWING AMERICAN SYMPATHY FROM THE SIDE OF THE ENTENTE ALLIES

**President Wilson is Playing Into Hands of Germany by Sending Out Peace Notes; Meetings Being Organized in Interior Cities to Protest Against the Enslavement of Belgians**

Washington, Jan. 4.—The peace situation, it is expected, will develop rapidly soon after the receipt of the note from the allies, in reply to President Wilson's communication of Dec. 18. The following statements are made in high official circles here.

The secret peace terms of the imperial German government are at the White House, and from the German view they are so liberal that the allies will be forced at least to consider them.

President Wilson has planned to send another peace note, probably making a more direct avowal of willingness to act as mediator, no matter how strong opposition to a German-made peace is voiced in the note from the entente allies.

It is important to point out at once that this statement was started in German quarters. Its circulation was forced in the same manner and by the same people as when other statements calculated to assist the German cause gained publicity.

That the secret peace terms were entrusted to Mr. Wilson, possibly even before Dec. 18, is confirmed in the minds of those friendly to the administration by the attitude taken at the White House and in the state department. It is nowhere denied that the secret peace terms are here. Either the terms are here or they are not. If they are not here officials of the American state department may not realize how strongly they are backing up the German peace plans in permitting it to be believed that Mr. Wilson is acting on secret information for Germany. Or perhaps they do realize it. At all events it is the apparent desire in quarters very friendly to Germany, to have the American people believe that the peace terms are here and that they are very liberal. Liberal they are, no doubt, from the point of view of a victorious Germany. Whether the French and British would take a similar view of their liberality at least is doubtful.

Prepared for Note.  
President Wilson's intentions as to sending one more note of peace and offering mediation to the nations at war does not hang, however, on his possession of secret peace terms, any more than on the contents of the forthcoming note from the allies. His friends in the senate say that he believes that he has been entirely successful, as far as he has gone. The note that came from Germany, they say, was expected, and the president is prepared for whatever the allies may write in their note.

No one here doubts the extreme anxiety on the part of Germany to keep peace negotiations before the neutral world. The plan is to keep the peace drive going. Anything which neutrals can do to help will be welcomed. But there is no doubt that in circles friendly to the entente allies another note from the president will be regarded as even more in the German interest than was the first note, the timing as well as the sending of which lent such weight to the first German note. Col. E. M. House has been here and has had several long and perhaps important conversations with the president and has departed. The usual crop of rumors that something very weighty portends, that Col. House is about to start again for Europe on a secret mission, etc. It may be true, but all anybody knows is that Col. House was here two days. He has gone. Anything else will be guessing.

Trying to Gain Sympathy.  
Of course it is very important if liberal German peace terms are in the possession of the president, and it is no doubt interesting that Mr. Wilson is busy on another peace note. But what is really going on in the United States to-day is a very efficient and vigorous German propaganda to shift American sympathy from the side of France and Belgium and Serbia and England, to the side of the Teutonic powers. If the administration can be drawn so far in that it will be difficult to get out, if an additional congress can be induced to take official action, and if above all, signs of a change in American sentiment can be reported to Berlin, then the work now under way in Washington will not have been in vain. It is unfortunate from the German point of view that so many meetings, in the interior cities of the United States now are being organized to protest against the enslavement and removal of the civil population of Belgium.

out the reunion of Christianity were abruptly stopped by Pius X., who aimed at an inner reform of the Catholic clergy and turned all his energies to a crushing of modernism.

"Benedict XV. thinks it is time to renew the policy of Leo XIII. and also that the re-establishment of a political peace would be the first step toward renewed attempts to stop the splitting of Christianity into a great number of sects.

It seems to the Vatican that the orthodox Slavs will be very soon called to take a more active part in the life of western nations, either Protestant or Catholic, and that it is necessary to come to an understanding with them in order to avoid evils produced by religious intolerance."

The Pope Will Take Steps to Renew Movement; to Appoint Commission

Washington, Jan. 5.—Private letters from the Vatican received by Dr. A. Palmieri, of the library congress, announce that Pope Benedict XV. is about to appoint a commission of four cardinals to renew a movement begun by Pope Leo XIII. and abandoned by Pope Pius X., looking to a reunion of Christianity and the cultivation of friendly relations with the Anglican church. A public announcement from Rome on the subject is expected soon.

Dr. Palmieri said last night that the new movement will be directed particularly toward the establishment of a reunion of the Russian church and the papacy and to a thorough re-examination into the validity of Anglican or Episcopal ordinations which was settled in the negative in a papal bull by Pope Leo X.

The honor of presiding over the commission of cardinals, Dr. Palmieri has been informed, will be bestowed upon Cardinal Nicola Marini, who has devoted many years to scientific research and to the cause of a reunion of Christianity. The interest of the pope in the problem of Christian unity is said to have been intensified by the recent progress of the world congress, initiated by the American Episcopal church.

"The new pope," said Dr. Palmieri, summarizing the information received from Rome, "has taken a considerable part in the efforts of neutral nations to establish peace among nations and the Vatican's efforts have been suggested by a longing for Christian unity. Efforts of Leo XIII. for carrying Hutton & Company, he said.

## NOTE FROM GERMANY

**Tries to Dispel Fear in Switzerland That Neutrality Will Be Violated.**

Berne, Jan. 5.—The Bund prints a note from the German legation with the object of dispelling fears aroused in Switzerland by rumors that the Germans intend to strike at France and Italy through this country. The note says: "We may once more declare that, as all Swiss know, Germany is firmly resolved to strictly respect Switzerland's neutrality."

## HAVE GONE TO FRANCE.

London, Jan. 5.—Gen. Turner, Sir Geo. Foster, Col. Macrae and F. B. McCurdy have gone to France.

## PREPARING FOR GREAT OFFENSIVE

**Men and Materials Are Being Accumulated by the Allies**

## BRITISH HAVE CONFIDENCE IN SIR DOUGLAS HAIG

**Field Marshal's Requests for Strengthening Air Service Meets Prompt Response**

London, Jan. 5.—While peace talks are flying back and forth both belligerent groups are arming themselves for the greatest fighting yet. The talk from Berlin of war to the knife will be met by an allied counter stroke which will make even the unparalleled effort of the last two and a half years seem feeble by comparison.

Field Marshal Haig's report, reducing to the simplest terms the battle of the Somme, is a preparation of the public mind for what is to come with fighting weather. His statement that half the German army was engaged from July to November, with thorough demoralizing results to the enemy, has reconciled the country to pouring its life and resources without stint into further effort.

Manpower and fighting tackle are being piled up mountain high back of the Somme. The government and people now trust Haig, and will back him to the limit. His call for a strengthening of the aeroplane arm has received instant response in ending the government's hesitation about methods and hastened the appointment of Lord Cowsley.

## MEASURE TO LIMIT ELECTION EXPENSES

**Bill to Be Introduced at Next Session of Manitoba Legislature**

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—The Free Press yesterday announced that a very drastic election law is to be presented to the legislature by the government at the coming session and that it will make it illegal for any provincial party to spend more than \$25,000 in any general election. Under the proposed system general expenses must be vouched for by the organization and it would be illegal for any private individual to disburse money for election purposes. The bill would make it illegal to hire or loan conveyances for taking voters to the polls, with the exception that conveyances might be loaned for carrying sick or infirm voters.

## WINNIPEG'S MAYOR IS COUNTED OUT

**Ald. Davidson Gets Majority of Twenty Over D. J. Dyson on Re-count**

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—D. J. Dyson, mayor of Winnipeg for less than one week, was in a minority of 20 when the recount of the votes cast at the recent mayoralty election was completed this afternoon. Ald. F. H. Davidson came out of the recount with a majority of twenty. Mr. Dyson's majority as announced after the election was eighteen.

Neither Mr. Dyson nor Ald. Davidson would make a statement to-day and the steps to be taken to decide definitely the mayoralty for 1917 are uncertain. It is stated that a new election is not an improbability. Minor and technical irregularities were discovered which, it is said, might render such a result not unexpected.

## AUSTRIAN EMPEROR APPEALS TO VATICAN

**Has Sent Urgent Request to the Pope to Intervene for Peace**

## INTERNAL CONDITIONS BECOME DESPERATE

**British Blockade Has Almost Ended Capacity of Enemy for Resistance**

London, Jan. 5.—The Emperor and Empress of Austria-Hungary have sent a special emissary to the Vatican, urgently requesting the pope to intervene for peace.

News of this received here last night caused a sensation, though it was scarcely unexpected. The desperate economic situation of Austria, the revival of traditional Hapsburg antagonism to Prussia and the imminence of the fall of the Tisza ministry, had led inner circles to believe the emperor would make desperate attempts to secure peace. Even a separate peace between Austria and Italy would save something out of the wreckage of the dual monarchy, and the allies long have been prepared for some such move.

Coupled with this comes a general understanding among allied diplomats that another German peace note, written in a minor key, is likely to arrive at any moment. Whether this note will be directed to neutral powers or to the belligerents is regarded as of little account, especially as it is generally thought that President Wilson is already acquainted with its general import.

Conference at Berlin.  
It is thought that representatives of the central powers probably will convene at Berlin to discuss both this note and the general situation. This conference will also be able to study the entente reply to President Wilson's note, which it is generally believed, will indicate the sole preliminaries on which the allies are prepared to negotiate.

In this event an outline of the peace terms of both sides will be known to the world within a few days. It is the general belief that the British blockade has almost ended the capacity of the central powers for resistance.

Dispatches from Washington to the effect that President Wilson already is in possession of the German peace terms house only a mild interest. It is regarded as possible by a section of public opinion that negotiations may be entered into, but only if the German terms go the whole length of the demands of the entente. There are few who are sufficiently optimistic to think that the German promise, unsupported by some international agreement which is yet to be worked out, will be binding after the violation of the Belgian treaty and similar instances of her attitude toward these "scraps of paper."

Bulgaria's Attitude.  
A Rotterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, which does not specify the source of its information, says Premier Radoslawoff of Bulgaria made the following statement to a Hungarian journalist:

"Bulgaria has won the game and can afford to sign a peace treaty satisfactory to all. Peace is nearing quickly. We are expected to make concessions, but the greatest concession—our peace offer—has already been made."

The German emperor has sent Prince Adalbert on a secret mission to Sofia and Constantinople, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. It is believed his visit is in connection with peace, and the prince is expected to report to headquarters before January 10.

## ARTILLERY FIGHTING ON VERDUN FRONT

**French Official Report Tells of Successful Operations by Aviators**

Paris, Jan. 5.—There was active artillery fighting last night on the Verdun front in the vicinity of Douaumont and Vaux, the war office announced to-day. Elsewhere the night passed quietly. The announcement follows:

"During the night the artillery was rather active in the sectors of Douaumont and Vaux.

"Twenty of our aviators last night carried out various bombing expeditions. The enemy aviators at Matigny, Harcourt, Plette and Bernes, the railway stations at Pouilly, Athies and Villecourt and the barracks at Rove were bombarded with numerous projectiles."

## RHEIMS CATHEDRAL

**The Pope Asks Germans to Permit Repairs to Damaged Edifice.**

Berlin, Jan. 5.—The Koelnische Volks Zeitung, making a report on the visit of Cardinal von Hartmann to the occupied regions of France and performing pontifical functions there, says he acted with the express permission of the pope. "Moreover," adds the paper, "Cardinal von Hartmann, who has repeatedly conferred with the emperor on behalf of the Rheims cathedral, carried an autograph letter from the pope to the emperor, in which the pontiff asked that the German military authorities permit, under satisfactory guarantees, the restoration of the cathedral during the war, because the danger of its falling down is imminent."

## WEALTHY GERMANS HOARDING MONEY

**Situation Has Called Forth Protest From Minister of Interior**

## FEELING EFFECTS OF WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS

**People Are Asked to Deliver Gold to Bank to Meet Pressing Needs**

London, Jan. 5.—The surprising admission that many wealthy Germans are concealing their money, presumably against the eventuality of a German defeat, is made in the following communication from the minister of the interior in Berlin, which was printed in all the German papers:

"It is a fact that on November 7 of last year (1916) \$1,625,000,000 more in cash and negotiable securities were in circulation than in the middle of July, 1914, just before the war broke out. Of course a considerable part of this is missing from the Reichsbank, and has found its way through our armies into various war areas, and it is also true that the higher cost of commodities, higher wages and the increased number of cash payments necessitated by the war have made return of the money to the banks considerably more difficult, especially its return to the Reichsbank."

"All these causes do not in themselves sufficiently account for the increasing withdrawal of money, however. There appears, unfortunately, to be no other solution than the suggestion that a large part of the public has secretly determined to hoard sums of ready money, from the largest notes to the smallest coins. It must be pointed out that anyone who in ignorance hoards gold and fails to deliver it to the banks is sinning greatly against public welfare. The dangers of such continued action are so great that every patriotic person must now be asked to ferret out this evil procedure from house to house in the circle of his friends and acquaintances."

## URGED TO SIGN

## REGISTRATION CARDS

**Quebec City Council Requests Citizens to Send Information Without Delay**

Quebec, Jan. 5.—At a special meeting of the city council held last night the report of the finance committee, recommending the grant of the sum of \$26,000 to the Patriotic Fund, was unanimously adopted. The council also adopted a resolution recognizing the importance of the movement undertaken by the national service commission, and requesting the citizens of Quebec to answer under the shortest possible delay to all the questions laid in the registration card.

A letter from Cardinal Begin will be read next Sunday in all the churches and chapels of the diocese of Quebec recommending to the clergy and the people to sign the cards of the national service commission.

## ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Rome, Jan. 5.—Olimpio Amati, twice regent of the republic of San Marino, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling two million lire of the republic's funds, according to a dispatch from Rimini, the capital of San Marino. He is reported to have made a number of unsuccessful speculations.

## KILLED IN STREET FIGHT.

London, Jan. 5.—A Canadian soldier who lost his life in a street affray at Hastings has been identified as Corp. Luger Alger, 118th Battalion, who enlisted at Valcartier in September, 1914.

## Germany on Verge of Starvation; Authorities Reducing Allowances

**Food Riots Are of Daily Occurrence; Medical Experts Say Rations Below Standard on Which Human Beings Can Live; Prussian Diet Told Situation Is Serious**

London, Jan. 5.—A most careful study of the economic conditions of Germany reveals that beyond a doubt the peace offer was prompted chiefly by the reason that Germany is on the verge of starvation. This information is not based on the views of the individuals—neutrals or others—whose impressions were gained in a visit to Germany and who were generally biased. In any case their views cannot be compared with actual evidence collected directly from German newspapers.

The information shows conclusively that the end of German endurance is rapidly approaching. Scarcely a day passes without serious food riots by the underfed population being reported. While the press is complaining bitterly of the starvation of the people, the authorities continue to reduce their allowances.

Medical experts say the present ration is far below the standard on which human beings can live. Milk prices in Berlin generally have increased, with a coincident decrease in all butter fat allowances. How grave the question of the milk supply must be in countless German communities is illustrated by the conditions prevailing in Mayence, which in normal times requires a daily milk supply of 40,000 quarts. By order of the grand-ducal government of Hesse the allowance has just been cut from 14,000 to 4,000 quarts a day.

Conditions affecting the potato market appear even more serious than the milk difficulties. Newspapers state that enormous quantities of potatoes which were expected to be available for the winter are frozen. The Vorwarts says the potato rationing system is hopelessly inadequate. The allowance was reduced early last month from seven to six pounds for a person each week. But potatoes are no dearer and the supply is sufficient for all holders of ration cards.

Further evidence of the seriousness of the situation was contained in this warning given the Prussian Diet by Herr Braun, the Socialist: "A protection against invasion, achieved at the cost of unspeakable sacrifices, will be of no avail to the people if it collapses through under-feeding, nor does it profit from the difficulties which beset the enemy. The preceding speaker has drawn from these difficulties a conclusion which, in my opinion, is a dangerous illusion, that only another effort is needed to plunge our enemies into irreparable disaster. This is just what our enemies have been predicting about us for two years. On the contrary, we must not close our eyes to the fact that our food supply is becoming more difficult as the stoppage of imports becomes more effective through the ruthless policy of England."

## RALPH CONNOR FAVORS SOLDIERS' TOT OF RUM

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor) stated in a public address that he would as soon think of depriving the soldiers at the front of their rifle as of their daily rations of rum. Dr. Gordon has become addicted to cigarette smoking since his sojourn at the front.

## STANDS IN FEAR OF GERMAN THREAT

London Morning Post Discusses Washington's Move for Peace

London, Jan. 5.—Discussing the efforts of neutrals to bring about peace, the Morning Post says: "For our part we might be less cynical as to the motives for this campaign were it not for the obvious driving force is not love of humanity, but fear of Germany. As for the United States, there is more than a suspicion of black hand. Germany threatens to carry her submarine warfare more recklessly forward unless peace is procured and the United States attempts to procure peace."

"Considering that the United States has declared Germany's methods of war to be illegal, we can only think of one illustration of their policy. It is that of the opulent banker who is told by the members of a black hand gang that unless he pays them so many thousand dollars they will kidnap his child or murder his wife. He pays up in the name of humanity and civilization, and the black hand is thereby strengthened for further outrages."

"So it is here: the United States is pressing for a peace which would leave Germany unpunished and with the strength and means to renew her wars of aggression whenever, in the future, opportunity seemed to favor them."

"The allies are still free, they are still unbroken, they still have the resources and men to finish this business once for all, and to the United States they only turn to offer up the short prayer of the American hunter, confronted by the grizzly, 'Well, Lord, if you can't help me, don't help the bear.'"

## OUTPOST FIGHTING.

Paris, Jan. 5.—An official report from the Macedonian front issued here to-day says that engagements occurred on Wednesday among advanced posts in the sector held by the Serbians.

## REGARDS FURTHER MOVE AS USELESS

Berlin Paper Says Publication of Conditions Would Be Undignified

London, Jan. 5.—Publication of German peace conditions would be useless in view of the attitude of the British and French press, according to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger as quoted in an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuters. The Anzeiger bases its opinion on the resolution in the French senate that France could make no peace with an enemy who occupied French territory. "Publication of our conditions," says this paper, "would now be undignified, and moreover would not be the least use. The evacuation of French territory is made a preliminary condition for peace negotiations. Though this condition is not contained in the entente note, it still exists and therefore it is the French senate and French government who render impossible the publication of our peace conditions."

"We must show to the door any neutral who should dare to demand from us that we should regard as an invitation the words of the reply 'as a suggestion without conditions for opening negotiations is no peace offer.' We must refer such a neutral to the resolution of the French senate."

## VANCOUVER MAYORALTY

Malcolm McBeath Returned by Acclamation; Two Aldermen Are Unopposed.

Vancouver, Jan. 5.—The quietest nomination day in the city's history saw seven civic offices filled by acclamation yesterday, and of these seven officials, six were re-elected to positions they had filled during the past, and, in some cases, several previous years. And, as a result, the annual civic elections which are to be held next Thursday, are also assured of being the quietest in the city's entire history. For, in two of the wards, there will be only school trustees to elect and the Saturday half-holiday plebiscite to mark, while in the other six wards there will be only three ballots to mark—those for aldermen, school trustees and the plebiscite.

The following, with the solitary exception of George Eldon on the park board, were re-elected: To mayoralty—Mayor Malcolm McBeath. Aldermen—Ward 1: Ald. Thomas H. Kirk. Alderman—Ward 2: Ald. R. H. Gale. Park board—Jonathan Rogers and George Eldon. License board—Thomas Duke and Walter Leck.



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**GOING TO ALASKA.**

Halifax, Jan. 4.—Among passengers  
 arriving here from England to-day was  
 Percy Sholto Douglas, Marquis of  
 Queensberry. Accompanied by his sec-  
 retary, H. Stanley Waugh, he will visit  
 Ketchikan, Alaska, to look after some  
 mining interests.

**BRITISH TREASURY NOTES.**

London, Jan. 4.—Following the sus-  
 pension of the issue of the exchequer  
 bonds in preparation for the new war  
 loan, the government authorities an-  
 nounce that there will be no further  
 sale of treasury bills by the Bank of  
 England.

**DID NOT GIVE WARNING.**

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Jan. 5.—The  
 Newfoundland schooner Roma was  
 sunk in the Mediterranean Sea on No-  
 vember 26, by a submarine. According  
 to a letter received yesterday by Mrs.  
 Thomas Laurie, wife of the master of  
 the vessel, the Roma was two days  
 out from Naples when Capt. Laurie  
 says the submarine fired upon him  
 without warning, sending twenty shots  
 into the vessel. The captain and his  
 crew, who are all Newfoundlanders, are  
 now in England.

Artistic Xmas Cards (Religious sub-  
 jects only) at Haynes, the Watch-  
 maker, 1124 Government St.

**MORE RAIDS BY  
 BRITISH TROOPS**

Two Trenches Entered North-  
 east of Arras; Artillery Ac-  
 tivity Continues

London, Jan. 5.—The official com-  
 munication issued last night by the  
 war office says:  
 "Yesterday we successfully raided  
 enemy trenches northeast of Arras.  
 His positions also were entered by us  
 early this morning in two places in the  
 neighborhood of Wytschaete.  
 "East of Armentieres, after a heavy  
 bombardment, a party of Germans en-  
 deavored to approach our trenches.  
 They were driven off with losses before  
 they were able to reach our lines.  
 "The enemy exploded a mine early  
 this morning north of the Bluff. The  
 enemy's artillery activities continued  
 marked in the neighborhood of Ypres.  
 Elsewhere the intermittent artillery ac-  
 tion continued on both sides."

**Artillery Actions.**

Paris, Jan. 5.—Last night's official  
 statement reads:  
 "Between the Oise and the Aisne we  
 dispersed an enemy reconnaissance  
 north of Fontenoy and took prisoners.  
 Somewhat violent artillery actions took  
 place in the sector west of the road  
 between Souain and Somme-Py and in  
 the regions of Douaumont and Cote du  
 Poivre. The usual cannonade occurred  
 on the rest of the front.  
 "Aviation—About 5.30 o'clock in the  
 afternoon a German aeroplane dropped  
 two bombs on Compiègne. One woman  
 was wounded. No material damage  
 was done."

Belgian communication: "Belgian  
 patrols were active east of Pervyse  
 during the night. In the day there was  
 spirited fighting in the direction of  
 Ramscapelle and Dixmude."

**ORDERS SEIZURE OF METALS.**

London, Jan. 5.—A Reuter dispatch  
 from Amsterdam says that the Mas-  
 stricht newspaper, Les Nouvelles, is  
 authority for the statement that the  
 governor general of Belgium has is-  
 sued a decree ordering the seizure of  
 all household goods made of brass, cop-  
 per, tin, nickel or bronze, including  
 kitchen utensils, door plates and door  
 knobs. The communes have been or-  
 dered to assist in the collection.

**CALIFORNIA SENATOR  
 ATTACKS PRESIDENT**

Declares Usurpation of Pow-  
 ers Amounts Practically to  
 Dictatorship

Washington, Jan. 5.—Senator Works,  
 of California, in his senatorial valedic-  
 tory yesterday, assailed "the tendency  
 toward centralized, unchecked and un-  
 limited power" in the president of the  
 United States and attacked growing  
 prodigality of wealth as indications of  
 decadence of the American govern-  
 ment.  
 "The greatest danger now confront-  
 ing the nation," Senator Works de-  
 clared, "is the unwarranted and un-  
 constitutional usurpation of power by  
 the president, amounting practically to  
 a dictatorship and the consequent sur-  
 render of its powers and functions and  
 abandonment of its duties and obliga-  
 tions by the congress of the United  
 States. The tendency has grown rapidly  
 worse and worse the past four years.  
 Never has congress been so subservient  
 or so subservient to a power outside  
 itself. Never in our history have we  
 come so near to a despotic govern-  
 ment."

Senator Works also asserted that the  
 nation was feeling the evil effects of  
 its growing wealth and advocated laws  
 to compel idle rich to work for the  
 state if not for themselves.

**RUSSIANS FIGHTING  
 REARGUARD ACTIONS**

German Official Report Tells of  
 Operations at Do-  
 brudja

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Dobrudja has been  
 cleared of Russian and Roumanian de-  
 fenders with the exception of a Rus-  
 sian rearguard which occupies a nar-  
 row strip of land leading toward Ga-  
 late, says the war office announcement.  
 About 1,000 prisoners and 16 machine  
 guns were captured in the taking of  
 Matchin and Jijila. The official state-  
 ment says:

"Western war theatre—Fighting ac-  
 tivity has been limited owing to rains  
 and fogs.

"Eastern front—Front of Prince Leo-  
 pold, northwest of Divinsky, compa-  
 nies of the Oldenburg reserve infantry  
 regiment No. 259, pushed across the  
 Divinsky river on the ice and captured  
 an island from the Russians, taking  
 more than 40 prisoners and bringing  
 back several machine guns.

"Front of Archduke Joseph—In the  
 wooded Carpathians Russian detach-  
 ments succeeded in gaining a footing  
 in a most advanced position north of  
 Meste Canescl. German and Austro-  
 Hungarian troops captured the north  
 Otus road and both sides of Soveta, in  
 the Suchitza valley, taking several  
 heights by hand-to-hand fighting and  
 maintaining them against strong hos-  
 tile attacks.

"Army group of Field Marshal von  
 Mackensen—Northwest of Fokshany  
 our troops were victorious in the Mil-  
 cov river sector. A strong force of Rus-  
 sian cavalry attempted to advance west  
 of the mouth of the Buzen river, but  
 was repulsed. German and Bulgarian  
 regiments, fighting shoulder to shoul-  
 der, stormed and captured in hand-to-  
 hand fighting the tenaciously defended  
 towns of Matchin and Jijila. About  
 1,500 prisoners and 16 machine guns  
 were brought in.

"Dobrudja was thus cleared of the  
 enemy except for a narrow strip of  
 land leading toward Galata, which still  
 is held by Russian rearguards.

"Macedonian front—There was no  
 event of importance."

"The war office statement issued last  
 evening says:

"On the east and west fronts no im-  
 portant fighting has been reported.  
 "In Roumania engagements along the  
 Sereth river continue."

**STEAMERS CREW  
 DROWNED BY HUNS**

London, Jan. 5.—An admiralty an-  
 nouncement of another case "of callous  
 disregard for the lives of non-combat-  
 ants come to light," says that nothing  
 further had been heard of the British  
 steamer North Wales, proceeding in  
 ballast from Hull for Canada, which a  
 German wireless dispatch on Novem-  
 ber 10 reported as having been tor-  
 pedoed. As only one piece of wood  
 marked "North Wales" has been  
 washed ashore, together with some  
 bodies on the Cornish coast, it is pre-  
 sumed that the crew, who took to the  
 boats in the gale then raging, were  
 drowned.

**DEPOSED EMPEROR OF  
 ABYSSINIA IS PRISONER**

Washington, Jan. 5.—Dispatches re-  
 ceived here describing conditions in  
 Abyssinia said the deposed Emperor  
 Lidlj Jeassu, had been captured and  
 his followers were being pursued and  
 crushed. The reports mentioned the  
 German minister and a Turkish consul  
 as having played a part in the events  
 which led to the upheaval last fall.  
 Lidlj, son of the second daughter of  
 the old Emperor Menelik, soon after  
 ascending the throne, joined with his  
 father in an attempt to make Moham-  
 medanism the state religion of the an-  
 cient Christian country. He was over-  
 thrown by a revolution led by the  
 churchmen, and his mother relin-

**SHEFFIELD FIRM  
 UNDERBIDS AMERICANS**

Submits Lowest Tenders for  
 Shells for United States  
 Navy

Washington, Jan. 5.—With the Ameri-  
 can "war babies" still kicking vigor-  
 ously, and with hundreds of shiploads  
 of ammunition going to the allies every  
 month, England is preparing to manu-  
 facture a consignment of shells for the  
 United States navy.

Secretary Daniels made the an-  
 nouncement yesterday that Hadfields,  
 Ltd., of Sheffield, England, was the low  
 bidder on contracts for 16-inch and 14-  
 inch armor piercing naval projectiles.  
 Not only were their bids \$146 lower a  
 shell on the 14-inch shells and \$237  
 lower on the larger ones than the low-  
 est American bidder, but they offered to  
 deliver in eleven months and six-  
 teen months respectively, while the best  
 the American firms could do was  
 twenty-two and twenty-four months.  
 Hadfields became a serious competitor  
 for naval contracts in 1912 when they  
 underbid the American firms, on 14-  
 inch shells by a wide margin. Fright-  
 ened by this rivalry, the American  
 manufacturers climbed down in 1914 to  
 \$315 a shell, which was about \$200  
 lower than their previous bids. After  
 the war broke out Hadfields was un-  
 able to compete and the American  
 prices went up \$100.

Yesterday's bid from Hadfields came  
 as a great shock to the navy depart-  
 ment, and it is imagined will prove a  
 surprise to the American manufactur-  
 ers. It had not been supposed that  
 England was in a position to invade  
 foreign fields with this class of mer-  
 chandise. While the contract will not  
 divert an enormous amount of British  
 labor from government work, it is a  
 step calculated to alarm the enemy and  
 perhaps to frighten American manu-  
 facturers into making better terms on  
 future war contracts. Secretary Daniels  
 commented on the wide disparity be-  
 tween the English bid and the Ameri-  
 can proffers. He thought it singular  
 that American firms with their tre-  
 mendous facilities were unable to com-  
 pete either as to price or time of de-  
 livery with the English manufacturer.

For the 16-inch projectiles, proposals  
 were as follows: Bethlehem Steel Co.,  
 4,000 in 36 months at \$775 each; Cru-  
 cible Steel Co., 4,700 in 36 months at  
 \$768.50; Midvale Steel Co., 1,000 in 24  
 months at \$900; Washington Steel &  
 Ordnance Co., 2,500 in 32 months at  
 \$750; Hadfields, Ltd., 3,000 in 16 months  
 at \$513.

For the 14-inch projectiles, proposals  
 were as follows: Crucible Steel Co.,  
 2,000 in 42 months at \$543.50 each;  
 Midvale Steel Co., 5,600 in 30 months  
 at \$559; Washington Steel & Ordnance  
 Co., 1,900 in 22 months at \$599; Had-  
 fields, Ltd., 4,500 in 11 months at \$556.  
 The Bethlehem Steel Co. the only  
 bidder on the 14-inch class "B" shell,  
 proposed to deliver 500 in 25 months at  
 \$310. This is the first time proposals  
 for 16-inch shells have been opened.

**OTTAWA TROOPS PRAISED**

General Byng Inspects Battalion  
 Which Made History on  
 the Somme

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Writing from France  
 to his wife in this city, an officer of one  
 of the Ottawa battalions describes an  
 inspection of the unit by General Byng  
 as follows:

"Our inspection by Gen. Byng was  
 the most exciting we have ever had.  
 How proud all our Ottawa well-wish-  
 ers would have been to have heard his  
 remarks to us on our arrival. He re-  
 ferred to the honor he had been ac-  
 corded in being asked by the divisional  
 commander to inspect this famous bat-  
 talion, which had recently made his-  
 tory on the Somme and brought un-  
 dying glory and honor to its regiment-  
 al number."

"This general is a wonderful man,  
 and just the way he puts things  
 seemed to make up for all the losses  
 we have suffered and the hardships en-  
 dured."

**EMBARGO ON COAL**

Norwegian Newspapers Attack British  
 Minister in Connection With  
 Recent Order

London, Jan. 5.—A Copenhagen dis-  
 patch to the Exchange Telegraph says  
 that most of the Norwegian papers  
 have attacked the British minister in  
 Christiania in connection with the em-  
 bargo on coal proclaimed by Great  
 Britain.

The Norse Intelligence Service reports  
 that the Norwegian reply has been  
 handed the British representative and  
 leaves no doubt that Norway is loy-  
 ally maintaining the export prohibi-  
 tions regarding fish and other goods.  
 The Gazette says that there is a  
 great quantity of coal in Norway and  
 no prospect of a shortage.

**RESUME PUBLICATION.**

Montreal, Jan. 5.—The Daily Mail  
 and The Evening News, the former a  
 morning and the latter an afternoon  
 newspaper, suspension of publication  
 of both which was announced Wednes-  
 day morning, will continue to be is-  
 sued. This is announced in the edi-  
 torial columns of The Daily Mail yester-  
 day. Nothing could be learned be-  
 yond the sense of the publishers' an-  
 nouncement, which reads as follows:  
 "Negotiations are in progress for con-  
 tinuing The Daily Mail and The Even-  
 ing News under the former control and  
 management. The success of the ne-  
 gotiations which have been in progress  
 for the last 24 hours, will enable The  
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 print larger and better newspapers  
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**CASUALTIES AMONG  
 CANADIAN SOLDIERS**

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The following list of  
 casualties has been issued:

**Infantry.**  
 Killed in action—Pte. Achilles Pe-  
 ruzse, Quebec; Pte. K. A. Parks, Osh-  
 awa, Ont.; Pte. Roy Robinson, St.  
 Thomas, Ont.; Pte. A. Dionne, Oshawa,  
 Ont.; Pte. C. G. Porter, England; Pte.  
 H. C. Flint, England; Pte. F. F. Roy,  
 Ottawa; Pte. Geo. Day, England.

Died of wounds—Pte. W. E. Hunt,  
 Binghamton, N. Y.

Died—Pte. C. W. Wilcox, Beamsville,  
 Ont.; Pte. C. W. Armstrong, Edmon-  
 ton.

Previously reported missing; now re-  
 ported killed in action—Pte. Arthur  
 Parkhouse, St. Catharines, Ont.; Pte.  
 Edward Sauve, Cornwall, Ont.; Pte.  
 Wm. Baldwin, Calgary; Pte. Wm.  
 Law, Scotland; Pte. F. J. Cook, Eng-  
 land; Pte. J. T. McLean, Pochontas,  
 Alta.

**Artillery.**

Died—Pte. L. Bruin, no address.

Died—Cpt. A. Cook, Brandon, Man.

**Infantry.**

Previously reported missing; now be-  
 lieved killed—Pte. Hugh McQueen,  
 England; Pte. A. J. Morrow, Hamilton,  
 Ont.

Previously reported wounded and be-  
 lieved killed—Actg-Lance-Cpl. H. S. Brown-  
 ing, England; Lance-Cpl. Edward  
 Wickens, Kenastone, Sask.

Previously reported wounded; now  
 reported killed in action—Pte. Thomas  
 Bullock, Montreal.

Wounded and missing—Sgt. L. Grig-  
 non, Montreal; Pte. Albert Papineau,  
 Pont Viau, Que.; Pte. Jos Laurin, St.  
 Etienne, Que.; Pte. J. Keller, Aylmer,  
 Que.; Pte. Albert Bissonnette, St.  
 Malo, Que.; Sgt. Wilfred G. Gagnon,  
 Chicoutimi, Que.; Pte. Raoul Patis, St.  
 Johns, Que.; Pte. Henri Lorrain, Mont-  
 real; Pte. Augustin Bergevin, Mont-  
 real; Pte. W. H. Knight, St. Thomas,  
 Ont.

Missing—H. Prudhomme, Montreal;  
 Wm. Dube, Grand River, Que.; E.  
 Richard, St. Ignace, Que.; Auguste  
 Riron, Fisdale, Mass.; E. Hebert, Ste.  
 Martin, Que.; J. Cote, St. Vincent de  
 Paul, Que.; H. St. Pierre, Montreal;  
 Wilfred Bedard, Montreal; D. W. Yan-  
 don, Copper Cliff, Ont.; H. Laplante,  
 Montreal; Aime Labrache, Thetford  
 Mines, Que.; J. Colchaine, Berthier,  
 Que.; Corp. L. Potvin, Montreal; J.  
 Gagne, Brompton Falls, Que.; G. H.  
 Breard, St. Lambert, Que.; O. Jodoin,  
 St. Theres, Que.; H. Bedard, Sher-  
 brooke, Que.

Previously reported missing; now of-

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Officially reported prisoners of war—  
 Lance-Serg. G. H. Slessor, Scotland;  
 R. A. Smith, England.

Previously reported missing, now un-  
 officially reported prisoner of war—M.  
 Connors, Lisbon, N. H.

Dangerously ill—A. C. Moulder, Eng-  
 land; G. H. Owen, Roseland, B. C.; J.  
 E. Huffman, Turtle Lake, Ont.

Seriously ill—A. Van, Southampton  
 Ont.; J. Prevost, St. Marguerite, Que.;  
 H. McDougall, Richer P.O. Mani-  
 Sergt. A. C. Gillespie, Peterboro, Ont.  
 W. Earl, Montreal.

Wounded—Lieut. D. J. McNicoll, kit  
 not stated; P. T. Downs, Goderich, Ont.;  
 A. McCaw, Ireland; R. L. Summers  
 England; Lance-Serg. J. E. Benson  
 England; H. Lanour, Sorel, Que.; F.  
 Lessard, Beauport, Que.; A. R. Le-  
 brosse, St. Jerome, Que.; Carl Sutt  
 Westernhead, N. B.; F. E. Roper,  
 Frank, Alta.; W. Lapinski, Holdfast,  
 Sask.; J. Wight, Scotland; W. A. Rud-  
 dock, Ireland; F. Armstrong, Lake-  
 field, Ont.; R. P. Partridge, Quill Lake,  
 Sask.; N. Hutchinson, Station West,  
 Ont.; Louis Gagne, "Stop Creek P.O.,  
 Sask."

**Artillery.**

Dangerously ill—Driver C. Gregg,  
 Ireland.

Seriously ill—Driver K. A. Mitchell,  
 Courtenay, B. C.; Signaller L. W. Wil-  
 liams, Embarras, Ont.

Wounded—J. Cleary, Ottawa.  
 Engineers.

Dangerously ill—Sapper John Hum-  
 phreys, Ireland.

**RETIRE FROM PUBLIC WORK.**

London, Jan. 5.—The Daily Mail  
 learns that Mrs. Wm. Cornwallis West,  
 who has been severely censured by a  
 court of inquiry in connection with  
 army affairs, has decided to retire from  
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## WILSON'S ACTION

### BARREN OF RESULTS

Reply of Allies Will Outline Reasons for Rejecting Germany's Proposal

London, Jan. 5.—The American view that the "door remains open to peace," is regarded here as correct, only with this qualification, that Germany's needs of peace are great enough to force her to abandon the attitude of the victorious knight in shining armor riding up to the postern and hammering with mailed fist a haughty demand for admission, for that of a suppliant, girl with repentance and prepared to give those guarantees which the allies deem essential for future peace.

The utility or otherwise of President Wilson's intervention, it is said here, will depend entirely upon what is admitted to be an unknown factor, that is, what is the measure of the German recognition that the prosecution of the war must inevitably bring about changes in the war situation to her detriment.

Opinion in this matter here shows many degrees of difference. On one side are the people who cherish the belief that the president must have some special information regarding Germany's necessities and about the lengths to which she is prepared to go to obtain peace. These people are in a great minority. They are chiefly found in quarters where a direct connection is seen between Ambassador Gerard's visit to America and the president's unexpected peace suggestions. Even in this camp there are some who regard with a suspicious eye such an assumed move on Germany's part.

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On another side, and this is the preponderant opinion, are those who accept the president's dissociation of his own note from the central powers' peace proposals at its face value. Among those holding this view the belief is strong that the president's intervention has not advanced the approach of peace by a single day. Peace, they say, is dependent upon Germany, and upon Germany alone.

The reply which the allies are about to make to President Wilson's note, it is believed, will make clear to the United States what are the principles which have determined the allies to refuse Germany's proposal of a conference under existing conditions. What may be the sequel to the allied reply to the American note is a subject of deep speculation. There is little or no expectation in well-informed quarters that the matter will end there. One of the best authorities in England said yesterday: "Developments are likely to gain rather than lose in interest."

This same man, whose name would carry weight were it possible to cable it, is one of those who believe that the president's intervention has been, so far, barren of results.

## MAXIMILIAN HARDEN PLEADS FOR PEACE

London, Jan. 5.—Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zukunft, delivered a speech at Berlin Saturday pleading for peace by agreement, according to Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent, who quotes The Berliner Tageblatt. After referring to the enemy's miscalculation of Germany's strength, Herr Harden warned his hearers not to allow themselves to be deceived about the "enemy's strength."

"Russia's resources cannot be exhausted," he said, "for, indeed, the war proceeds only on the edges of this world empire. England's hunger, moreover, is only a catchword for which there is no foundation, while France's lack of men can be balanced by British troops."

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## CANADIANS MENTIONED FOR GALLANT CONDUCT

Sir Douglas Haig's Dispatches Contain Names of Soldiers From Dominion

London, Jan. 5.—Sir Douglas Haig's dispatches concerning operations on the western front, a further instalment of which were gazetted yesterday, mention a large number of Canadian officers, N. C. O.'s and privates, in the various branches of the Dominion's forces. A further list will be issued, which consists of officers, N. C. O.'s and men, of the Canadian infantry. Those mentioned in yesterday's issue are:

Headquarters—Lieut.-Col. W. B. Anderson, Engineers; Lieut.-Col. T. V. Anderson, Engineers; Major F. L. Armstrong, local forces; Major W. Bertram, Infantry; Major H. E. Bonk, Artillery; Major O. F. Brothers, Infantry; Col. H. E. Burstall, Artillery; Major C. F. Constantine, Artillery; Major G. J. Duff, Infantry; Capt. R. L. Donaldson, Ordnance Corps; Lieut.-Col. J. H. Elmsley, Dragoons; Major K. C. E. Evans, Ordnance Corps; Lieut.-Col. W. W. Gibson, local forces; Major F. R. Gilman, Dragoons; Major H. G. Greer, Army Service Corps; Lieut.-Col. F. A. Hill, Infantry; Lieut. F. H. Hughes, Engineers; Lieut.-Col. B. Hughes, local forces; Major B. M. Hume, Infantry; Lieut.-Col. G. A. Innes, Infantry; Major A. M. Jarvis, local forces; Col. H. D. Ketchen, Cavalry; Lieut.-Col. J. H. Ham, local forces; Lieut.-Col. W. B. Lindsay, Engineers; Lieut.-Col. F. L. Loomis, local forces; Major J. H. Macbride, Dragoons; Lieut.-Col. A. G. Macdonnell, Cavalry; Lieut.-Col. H. McDonald, local forces; Lieut.-Col. W. Morrison, local forces; Major F. S. Morrison, Dragoons; Major A. E. Taylor, Mounted Rifles; Lieut.-Col. G. H. Tuxford, local forces; Major C. H. Vanderaals, Infantry; Major F. Walsh, Veterinary Corps; Major F. B. Ware, Infantry; and Captain W. B. Webb, Infantry; Lieut.-Col. H. J. Thacker, local forces; Lieut.-Col. P. E. Thacker, Cavalry; Major J. L. Parsons, Infantry; Captain J. D. Pittman, local forces.

Cavalry—Major C. T. Van Straubenzee, Major A. McMillan, Sergeant-Major A. F. Morrill, Pte. A. V. Gordon, Lieut.-Col. E. I. Leonard, Lieut. H. J. Woodman, Sergeant-Major Duncan, Sgt. T. Smith, Lieut.-Col. R. C. Andrews, Major William Balfour, Capt. W. B. Caswell, Capt. J. P. French, Sgt. L. M. Crook, Sgt. T. Muckersie, Sgt. J. Peterson, Sgt. T. McKenzie, Major M. V. Allen, Major W. W. Foster, Capt. L. W. Miller, Capt. F. B. Edwards, Sgt. Major D. C. Wright, Sgt. D. C. Gough, Cpl. H. C. Manning, Cpl. F. O. White, Lieut.-Col. H. O. Gordon, Major W. W. Dennison, Capt. W. R. Patterson, Sgt. W. E. Cottrell, Sgt. R. Mitchell, Pte. A. H. Black, Pte. L. Daniels, Pte. E. Flood, Lieut.-Col. H. C. Draper, Major H. H. Harbord, Lieut. E. Chauvin, Lieut. M. H. Johnson, Lieut. S. B. Simpson, Pte. H. L. Atty, Lieut.-Col. W. R. Patterson, Lieut. F. H. Bennett and Sgt. Major J. Pollock.

Cyclists—Pte. W. H. Smith and Sgt. A. G. Wilson.

Horse Artillery—Lieut.-Col. D. I. Eaton, Major W. G. Hagerly, Pte. H. E. Lewis and Sgt. Major W. McIntyre.

Field Artillery—Lieut.-Col. S. R. Anderson, Major F. F. Arnold, Major J. C. Ball, Major W. G. Beaman, Lieut.-Col. R. H. Britton, Major E. G. Cape, Lieut.-Col. H. G. Carcassien, Major L. G. Cosgrove, Lieut.-Col. J. J. Creelman, Major G. G. Drew, Lieut. L. E. Eastlake, Lieut. W. O. Gibson, Major C. S. Hanson, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Harbord, Lieut.-Col. W. B. King, Lieut. C. Layton, Major J. A. Macdonald, Lieut. C. Martin, Major J. K. McKay, Lieut.-Col. McNaughton, Major W. B. McTaggart, Lieut.-Col. J. J. Penham, Major W. B. Prowse, Lieut.-Col. G. H. Ralston, Major W. R. Riddan, Major A. Ripley, Major M. N. Ross, Lieut.-Col. J. S. Stewart, Major C. Stockwell, Capt. D. B. Storms, Lieut. W. S. Tuck, Major D. A. White, Lieut. A. L. Zimmerman, Sgt. J. Acton, Sgt. A. D. Anderson, Pte. W. B. Belyea, Sgt. W. C. Bishop, Sgt. Major J. A. Cle, Pte. E. A. Dalton, Pte. W. Danby, Sgt. G. Jones, Sgt. H. Little, Sgt. L. Macdonald, Sgt. N. McLeod, Pte. M. F. McDonald, Sgt. Major C. Monahan, Pte. I. E. Scott, Sgt. Major W. A. Sherratt, Pte. H. L. Walker and Cpl. H. Wyman.

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Engineers—Lieut. F. Alport, Captain L. N. Bullock, Lieut. J. J. Dawson, Captain L. F. Grant, Major F. O. Hodgkin, Major L. W. Macdonell, Captain W. F. Manthorpe, Captain W. H. Miller, Lieut. C. B. North, Major S. H. Oiler, Captain J. M. Rolston, Captain G. H. Shaw, Major C. T. Trotter, Lieut. K. Weatherbe, Sgt. J. Boyd, Sgt. W. C. Cook, Sgt. W. F. Cowans, Sgt. D. C. Johnstone, Cpl. H. Keen, Sgt. D. C. McDougall, Pte. J. Oag, Sgt. G. Russell and Cpl. W. F. Whyte.

Signal Corps—Major T. E. Powers, Lieut. G. Frampton, Lieut. W. McIntosh, Lieut. H. T. May, Sgt. H. M. Bennett, Sgt. S. A. Dow, Sgt. J. G. Lowther, Pte. J. E. Ward, and Cpl. T. Wells.

Two soldiers caused some amusement at a golf course the other day. The first man teed up and made a mighty swipe, but failed to shift the ball. The miss was repeated no fewer than three times. His pal was unable to stand it any longer. "For heaven's sake, Bill," he broke out, "hit the bloomin' thing. You know we have only four days' leave."

## WOMEN IMPRISONED FOR STEALING FOOD

Burgomaster of Vienna Threatens to Resign Unless Supplies Are Received

Geneva, Jan. 5.—The burgomaster of Vienna, Dr. Weisskrohner, threatens to resign if Hungary continues to refuse to send food to Vienna, according to reports received here. He is quoted as saying that the prisons are filled, chiefly with women and children convicted of having stolen food, while housewives are afraid to go shopping, for fear, even in the principal streets, of being robbed and assaulted. The Swiss and German papers are crowded with advertisements for Swiss servants to go to Germany, the reason being that every Swiss in Germany is allowed to receive from home weekly ten pounds of foodstuffs.

## PRESS COMMENTS ON BAPTIST REPORT

London Times Says It Dissipates Sinister Rumors; Other Views

London, Jan. 5.—The Times, discussing the Baptist report, describes it as a very interesting and reassuring document which reveals the unhappy genesis and deserved fate of the concentration scheme for Canadian wounded. The board has cleared Surgeon-General Carleton Jones, praising his zeal, efficiency and tact and commending his good work, done under circumstances of great novelty and difficulty, the Times considers.

"The result of their report," the Times says, "is to dissipate the sinister rumors which were current and to dispose of the concentration system, to vindicate the Y. A. D. hospitals in Britain, and through the administrative act of Sir George Perley to terminate Colonel Bruce's appointment as inspector-general."

The Star says: "Those laymen who are apt to be influenced by the modern dogma of infallibility of doctors will be interested in the Canadian medical controversy. Col. Bruce drew up a report in which he demanded reorganization of the Canadian service from top to bottom. This report was a severe criticism of existing arrangements. It was a second report from the board presided over by Surgeon-General Bruce, and composed of a Canadian general and three Canadian army surgeons. Their report wholly condones the report of Col. Bruce. The board denies the allegations and commends the hospitals which the Bruce report condemned."

The British and Canadian public may choose between the reports. Either the Bruce report was uncalculated for the Baptist report is whitewashing. It is a pleasant reflection that any single member of these rival boards may in his medical capacity give a certificate which may hang a man or blast a woman's reputation. When we are asked to accept the verdict of the medical profession on any violation, vaccination, or bone setting, as final and decisive we may well recall the Bruce and Baptist reports.

The Evening Standard says: "These allegations against the medical service formed one of the most unpleasant matters with which Sir George Perley had to concern himself after assuming office, but he met the situation with courage and wisely sought for an inquiry by a board composed of leading medical men both in the Imperial and Canadian forces. In all but a few particulars the board has reported favorably on Surgeon-General Carleton Jones, who 'built up the service and was in supreme command of it until recently, when the late minister of militia sent over an eminent Toronto medical man, who was given the rank of inspector-general and reported in favor of top-to-bottom changes.'"

The Westminster Gazette, after reviewing the findings of the Baptist commission, exclaims: "It is little wonder that Col. Bruce is no longer permitted by the Canadian government to be special inspector-general."

## CHANGE OF ATTITUDE ON PEACE QUESTION

London, Jan. 5.—According to the Cologne Gazette, a copy of which has been received here, the German Socialist minority and the Spartacus group propose to separate entirely from the Socialist party at a meeting to be held on January 7.

A Reuters' Amsterdam dispatch says the Socialist party committee has published a statement in the Vorwaerts denouncing the proposed meeting as incompatible with the unity and organization of the party, and warning Socialists against participating in it. An Amsterdam dispatch says that the meeting, which will discuss peace, the dispatch says that the event may mark the beginning of a complete reversal of the Socialist attitude toward peace, especially as the minority group is preponderant among Saxon Socialists, at whose headquarters in Dresden the meeting will be held.

"The doctor says I am working too hard," "I'd put more faith in that diagnosis if it came from your boss."

## REPORTS ON PURCHASE OF SUBMARINES

Sir Charles Davidson's Findings Have Been Issued at Ottawa

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Vindication of the activity of the government in purchasing two submarines for the Pacific coast at the outbreak of the war, general conclusions on the numerous inquiries he has held and specific findings in regard to the sale of small arms ammunition are contained in the first instalment of Sir Charles Davidson's report, made public last night.

The commissioner, in dealing with the purchase of the submarines, calls attention to the comparatively undervalued state of the British Columbia coast at the outbreak of war, and the presence of enemy ships in the Pacific, and says:

"In camera evidence contains details of the official instructions received by the naval authorities to inspect the immediate attack. The submarines were highly desirable for defence purposes."

He finds that the vessels purchased were efficient fighting machines. The price of \$1,150,000 paid by Sir Richard McBride, and afterwards by the Dominion government, was in excess of the original contract price at which the Seattle Construction & Drydock Co., as sub-contractors for the Electric Development Co., of New Jersey, built the submarines to the order of the Chilean government. The contract price was \$818,000. The commissioner gives consideration to the general advance in prices after the time the contract price was fixed; this price being in itself a low one, and says: "To have refused the two submarines because the price was 'high' would have meant more than a mistake of judgment, it would have been indefensible."

Sir Charles reviews the whole transaction, and finds as to the distribution of the purchase price it is conclusively shown that not a cent of it has been paid out for commissions or for any assistance with regard to the transaction.

Alluding specifically to Sir Richard McBride, the commissioner says: "It is cause for congratulation to all Canadians that this much discussed and criticized enterprise was thoroughly of a blameless character. The acquisition of these submarines probably saved—so it is believed by many, including high naval authorities—the cities of Victoria and Vancouver, or one or other of them, from attack and enormous tribute. What Sir Richard McBride in those days of great anxiety and distress accomplished deserves the commendation of his fellow-countrymen. For his motives were those of patriotism and his conduct that of an honorable man."

The findings in regard to the sale to the admiralty through the medium of Sir Trevor Dawson and J. Wesley Allison of some three million rounds of ammunition by the militia department are that the price of \$20 per thousand was not an under-valuation as alleged, that while there is evidence that \$25 was to be the ultimate price the account is still open, that there is no evidence of Allison benefiting from the transaction other than by commissions and that Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, on the evidence, stands free of anything that would affect his personal honor. At the same time the commissioner believes that the transaction should have been authorized by order-in-council; that it would have been better had the Canadian authorities been able to assert that the sales were, in fact, to the admiralty. Under normal conditions, Sir Charles says, the sales would not have taken place.

Sir Charles reviews at great length the evidence and the record in the case and the arguments of counsel. The purchase was made by the admiralty through Sir Trevor Dawson, who was represented by F. Orr Lewis, Canadian agent of the Vickers Company, with which Sir Trevor secured the services of J. Wesley Allison. The ammunition was sold at various times at the rate of \$20 per thousand. Figures produced at the hearing indicated \$25 as the ultimate price to the admiralty, thus netting a profit of \$5 per thousand. In defence of the transaction it is argued that this \$5 included cost of transportation, etc., and that, anyway, the account is still open for final adjustment. In his general conclusions Sir Charles says:

"The position of the Canadian authorities would have received increased strength had they known of and had they resultingly been able to assert that the sales were in fact to the admiralty. I cannot discover anywhere in the record any advantage which accrued through putting forward Vickers as the purchasers. The intervention of J. Allison would call for fully explanation in the one case as the other. So, too, would the alleged charge of an additional \$5 per thousand on the price. The evidence makes for the plausibility of the \$20 per thousand for mark 7 was not an under valuation, but standard, and indeed an outside price."

"Had normal conditions existed the impugned sales would have been of advantage to Canada and capable on the merits of vigorous defence, but the conditions were abnormal, they were those of war. It is not an extravagance of words to assert that the sales would not have been made had not war enveloped the empire. Of evidence and accusation which impugns the personal honor of Sir Sam Hughes, there is none. During the currency of the small arms sales there did not arise an act of dishonesty on the part of Allison that would justify Sir Sam Hughes in

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refusing to recognize him as the agent of Dawson.

The commissioner finds that a letter written by F. Orr Lewis on January 12 bears out the statement, for the time being at least, that a charge of \$25 to the admiralty was in process of application.

## FOUR RULERS TO CONFER AT VIENNA

Foreign Ministers and Presidents of Parliament Will Meet at Berlin

London, Jan. 5.—Prominence is given in London newspapers to reports of conferences to be held in Vienna and Berlin. The inference is drawn that, as the war staffs are to take no part they will relate to policy rather than to conduct of the war.

Emperor William, Emperor Charles, King Ferdinand of Bulgaria and the Sultan of Turkey are to meet in Vienna, according to the newspaper reports, while the foreign ministers and presidents of the parliaments of the central powers will assemble in Berlin. The latter conference has been fixed for January 15, while that of the sovereigns probably will precede it.

Premier Tisza, of Hungary, and Count Julius Andrássy, leader of the Hungarian opposition, have arrived in Vienna. Count Andrássy was summoned by Emperor Charles, and Premier Tisza conferred yesterday with Count von Chudenitz, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and Count Ciam-Martinez, the Austrian premier. It is believed that these conferences are connected with changes in the Hungarian cabinet.

## DOUBTS SINCERITY OF GERMAN STATEMENT

Swiss Newspaper Comments on Interview With Minister at Berne

Geneva, Jan. 5.—The Journal Democrat says that President Schulthess and former Presidents Motta and De Coppet voted against the recent Swiss note, supporting President Wilson's communication to the belligerents in the form that it is now issued, but they were in the minority in the federal council.

There is much discussion in the Swiss newspapers of a statement credited to the Cologne Gazette concerning neutral nations: "That the Swiss confederation has the greatest interest to see peace concluded rapidly, because it is now impossible to foresee the future fate of the nations which have remained neutral up to the present."

The Geneva Tribune sarcastically asks the Cologne Gazette to explain the meaning of the "future fate of neutrals."

The German minister at Berne in an interview with the Bund is quoted as having said that Switzerland has nothing to fear from Germany, which country will strictly respect and guard Switzerland's neutrality. The rumors to the contrary published in Entente newspapers, the minister added, were without foundation, and were designed to disrupt the friendly relations between the two countries.

La Suisse, commenting on the interview, agrees with the minister's statement, but asks:

"What about the neutrality of Luxembourg and Belgium?"





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### AUSTRIA IN EXTREMIS?

A London dispatch says the Emperor and Empress of Austria have sent a special emissary to the Vatican urgently requesting the Pope to intervene for peace. While this report may be denied at Rome and Vienna there is no doubt that the dual monarchy, the agency through which this war was started by Prussia, is desperately anxious to make peace either with or without association with Germany. Internal conditions there are so serious that the Emperor realizes that he must extricate his country from the war as best he can soon or he will lose it. He already has dismissed the old brigade who intrigued with Potsdam for the precipitation of the conflict while Count Tisza's ascendancy is at an end and that dangerous conspirator is about to be overthrown.

We often wonder if those war prophets who still see two years of conflict ahead ever take note of Austria-Hungary and the effect its detachment from the Teutonic combination would have upon the German state of mind, already depressed almost to zero, as well as upon Germany's economic position and the position of Bulgaria and Turkey. Yet Austria's withdrawal from her allies is inevitable unless German armies depose her ruler and annex the whole empire, which means that Hungary, at least, would turn against them. It is the weakest part of the chain, the part which has to bear the greatest strain, which snaps first. In the Germanic chain the weakest part is Austria and it is Austria that is suffering most, internally and externally. Moreover, of all the nations of Europe the empire of the Hapsburgs contains the greatest number of combustible elements. It is alarm over Austria's possible course which prompts the desperate German peace drive as much as the tribulations and anxieties of the German people, for if Austria withdraws, Bulgaria would follow and Germany's connection with Constantinople would be at an end.

As the allies will hold fast one of two alternative developments may be forecasted. Either Germany will attempt a coup against Austria with the mailed fist and court a Hungarian revolt or Austria will seek a separate peace. If a separate peace is sought the allies may be more lenient with Austria than she deserves because of the effect, a settlement in that quarter would have upon their relations with the greater culprit. Nor should it be forgotten that an Austrian withdrawal might have a very potent bearing upon the attitude of Bavaria and Saxony and the other south German states. We may yet see an isolated Prussia fighting a hopeless battle for its ascendancy over middle Europe. But let us not run away with the idea that in the military situation on either the east or west fronts necessarily lies the key to the overthrow of the Teutonic combination. What we know is going on inside Austria and Germany is very largely the outcome of the silent, throttling pressure of British sea-power upon the nerve centres of Teutonic military might.

### THE REASON WHEREOF.

The morning paper, in discussing Quebec's attitude to the war, quotes a Montreal correspondent of the Toronto Star as saying "the apathy in that province arises from a belief that Canadians are being used simply as a screen for British troops in the field." "If this is true," our contemporary adds, "we fancy investigation would disclose that German influence has been successfully exercised to keep the facts from reaching the people. But granting the existence of the ignorance referred to, whose fault is it that the people are not better informed?"

No investigation is necessary to reject the theory that German influence may be at work in Quebec—as it has been shown to be in North Waterloo, Ontario. The record speaks for itself. The "belief that Canadians are being used as a screen for British troops in the field" carries us to the by-election in Drummond-Arthabasca in November, 1910, which consummated the marriage of the present government—then in opposition—with the Nationalists led by Henri Bourassa. The issue was the Laurier navy bill. The candidates were Liberal and Nationalist. There was no Conservative by arrangement. In that campaign the most violent attacks were made upon British, British connection, Laurier and the navy programme. Hon. P. E. Blondin, present Secretary of State, declared that it had been "necessary for Canadians to shoot holes in the Union Jack to breathe the air of liberty." Hon. Albert Savigny, now speaker of the House of Commons, was reported as saying:

"Our freedom cost us dear. I am surprised that one of the members of the House of Commons, whom you have enriched (Laurier), should come to you and say: 'Lie down; crawl before the English, who impose their measures on us.'"

The Nationalist campaign pamphlet, the circulation of which was financed out of the Conservative campaign fund in Montreal, said: "It is an abominable law, this law of blood which Laurier wants to ram down the throats of the electors of Arthabasca." On September 15, 1910, Bourassa himself, at a public meeting in the district said: "An agent of the government with the accursed naval act in his hands will say to the mothers of Quebec: 'Good mother, thou must give thy sons, not to defend their native soil, but to fight on all lands and seas of the world for the English flag.'—After the election was won by the Nationalist candidate, one Tancred Maréchal shouted: 'It is vengeance for the shots of St. Eustache. Those who were hanged on the gallows to defend our liberties are now avenged.'"

In the election of 1911, when by virtue of the new alliance no Conservative ran in Quebec, the issue was again the navy, not reciprocity, and the same buncombe which did service in the by-election was reeled off by the Nationalist speakers, some of whom are members of the present Canadian cabinet. The result was the election of more than a score of Nationalists who ever since have sat behind Sir Robert Borden in the House of Commons. Since the present war began Henri Bourassa, from the platform and in Le Devoir, his paper, has been continuing the anti-British propaganda which was so joyously accepted by the present government in November, 1910, and September, 1911, that its party managers paid the cost of it. The other day in the course of a scurrilous attack upon Britain, the British and Laurier—he dealed very gently with Borden—he boasted that he had hampered recruiting in Quebec. He thus publicly confessed that he had been guilty of a serious offence against the law of this country. Nothing, however, was done to him. No attempt has been made to stop him. Why? Had he been in England or France he would have been interned long ago.

The present apathy of Quebec and the "belief that the Canadians are being used as a screen for British troops in the field" is not an unexpected sequel to the unnatural alliance against Laurier which was formed in 1910 and which exists still, judging by the immunity given to Henri Bourassa's sedition. Nor has any serious attempt been made to overcome the handicap which this coalition and its consequences imposed upon recruiting in Quebec. Nobody in that province could be expected to pay any serious attention to Hon. Mr. Blondin and Hon. Mr. Patenaude, now suddenly turned fervent loyalists, in view of their recent former record. The government even declined to avail itself of the great ability of General Lessor, the best professional soldier Canada had, while Oliver Asselin and his gallant battalion were sent to Bermuda to clear land instead of to France.

The government of every country now at war is held responsible for recruitment and the government of Canada cannot escape that responsibility. In the case of Quebec it is doubly responsible, for it helped to create the impression which is making recruiting so difficult in that province. The same weak leadership which when in

opposition allowed itself to be driven by political schemers into an unnatural alliance with Henri Bourassa in 1910 is handicapping the military effort of this country to-day all along the line.

### THAT GRAVING DOCK.

We are less impressed with the argument of the Esquimalt Graving Dock Committee that the early construction of a new dock would be in pursuance of the Terms of Union than with its other contention that it is a requirement of national interest and necessity. The government might debate the former point, but it could not escape the second one. Adequate docking facilities at Esquimalt form an important part of measures for national defence on this coast, and the government will be as lacking in foresight if it does not commence work soon as it was a few years ago, when it returned to British shipbuilders their tenders for the construction of cruisers and destroyers in Canada on the ground that vessels of this character would be useless in a war, and that, anyway, this country could not build up a navy in fifty years. The question of a new dock at Esquimalt is one of the matters to which Mr. Brewster might draw the attention of the federal government during his visit to the capital as a reinforcement of the representations of the Esquimalt Graving Dock Committee and the Board of Trade.

### RETURNED SOLDIER PROGRAMME

It is to be hoped that the conference between the national government and provincial premiers which is to be attended by Mr. Brewster will evolve some adequate scheme of dealing with the returned soldier problem as well as other urgent matters that must arise from the war. At the same time the fact must not be overlooked that the chief burden of the situation created by the great conflict must rest upon Ottawa. There should be no attempt by the federal authorities to escape responsibility for solving these problems by delegating them to the provinces. The national government alone has the power and resources to meet the demands this solution will involve. It has a large revenue and great borrowing authority. Moreover, if it finds its financial supplies strained by other exigencies it has an inviting field for fresh taxation in the enormous contracts for munitions which have been awarded and which are going to be awarded on an even greater scale. So far that taxation relatively has been negligible. In comparison with the war levy upon the general population in the form of increased postage charges, high customs duties and other imposts it scarcely amounts to anything. If the Canadian government dealt with this matter as decisively and determinedly as the British government dealt with it, a very large portion of Canada's war cost could be financed out of excess munitions profits.

Undoubtedly the provinces will be only too willing to co-operate with the national government in regard to returned soldiers to the extent of their resources. As far as the land question is concerned the new British Columbia government has in contemplation steps which should be of material assistance to any general scheme. At the same time, it must not be taken for granted that its experience at the battlefield has converted the Canadian army en masse into a host of ardent agriculturists. Soldiers cannot be wished or forced upon the land whether they want to go or not. They remain very much the same as they were in civil life in respect of their normal activities. Only a fraction of them will be absorbed into agricultural pursuits. Thus the solution of the returned soldier problem must have a great many more aspects than that of land settlement. In the last analysis it involves the improvement of the economic and social conditions of the country as a whole. It requires sound policies on the part of governments, national, provincial and municipal; the strengthening of the country's credit; the encouragement of trade and industry and an equitable distribution of the burden of taxation. The returned soldier problem is really the problem of the nation itself. It cannot be solved, except in a minor degree, by being treated in a separate capacity.

Count Reventlow intimated some time ago that no true German could consent to sit down in a peace conference with Premiers Lloyd George and Borden. Those two gentlemen by their speeches had insulted the Teutonic race and until they publicly apologized no representative of Kultur and shining armor could hold any kind of intercourse with them. The premiers have not abased themselves before Kultur, and we doubt if they are likely to do so. Consequently, what is the use of talking about a peace conference? What kind of a conference would it be with Lloyd George and Borden barred from participation?

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that their hands cannot be forced? What if they should intimate, in perfectly courteous terms, of course, that it is unbecoming for a perfectly neutral representative of a strictly neutral power to project himself into affairs in which he has from the first intimated he had no concern?

Perdunn the Fox also decides that Bulgaria has won, is ready for peace, and desires to sit down and enjoy the fruits of victory. Doubtless his terms also are in the hands of President Wilson. We expect to hear from Mehmed of Turkey next, settling forth the exceptional benevolence of his treatment of the Armenians and telling the neutral president that it was to prevent the extermination of Christians in his country that he was fighting.

Appears as if there must have been an understanding between the German ambassador to the United States and the president of the United States from the very beginning of the war. Each had his part mapped out, and he is playing it. We can understand now why Dumba was fired and Bernstorff left. Wilson would dearly love to have his name inscribed on the scroll of fame and history. It was somewhat of shock on opening the paper this morning to be confronted with the fine open countenance of Sir Richard McBride, K. C. M. G. There was a time when such displays were to be expected, but now that knighthood has run to seed, more or less, in Canada, the unexpected caused us quite a shock—until the occasion for it was disclosed.

President Wilson says he is ready to come right back at the allies with another note should they reject his peace overtures and refuse to enlighten him on the obscure point of what they are fighting for. Sorry to learn that Woodrow already has decided to break his new year resolution that he would write no more notes.

The two candidates for the mayoralty of Victoria are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they are conducting their campaign. So far not a bitter word has been uttered. May it endure to the end. The destinies of the city for the year will be safe in the hands of either.

Germany's peace terms are in the hands of President Wilson. Now the question arises, what would happen if the allies decided to let the terms lie in the hands of President Wilson?

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## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, Jan. 5, 1892.

A commission to investigate into the salmon fisheries of British Columbia is soon to be appointed by the Dominion government.

The Sanich Agricultural Society will hold its annual ball and supper on Thursday, Feb. 11.

Mr. E. Perry Miles, Judge of the Court of Revision, held a session at Parson's Bridge last week. One or two appeal cases were heard, but on the whole the assessments were not opposed, and an adjournment was taken. A court was also held at Sanich.

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Bank Clearings.—The bank clearings for the week ending Jan. 4th amount to 1,324,350.

Calling of Parliament.—In an extra of the Canada Gazette is a notice of the calling of the parliament of Canada for the dispatch of business on Thursday, January 18.

Oak Bay Concert.—The Weekly Saturday night Popular concerts in aid of the Oak Bay Red Cross Society are being resumed this week at the Oak Bay theatre, when there will be a mixed programme of vocal and instrumental selections, readings and sketches. The entertainment commences sharp at 8.

## FISHING OFF BREAKWATER

Fishermen Are Catching Bass Off Dallas Road; Three Spring Salmon.

The new breakwater at the Dallas road is now becoming a very popular resort for local fishermen, and the fact that they are successful in making good hauls is shown by the latest reports of men who have been trying their luck with the hook and line.

Black bass are exceptionally plentiful. One fortunate fisherman made a catch of 50 pounds the other day in a short space of time. Three spring salmon were also caught the day before yesterday at the same place. The bait used is a small perch which has been found to be a very popular diet among the larger fish.

Changing Their Names.—The Canadian Teachers' Agency, Limited, intends to apply for a change of name to the British Columbia Teachers' Agency, Limited. The Willow River Lumber Company, Limited, is applying for a change of name to Eagle Lake Lumber Company, Limited.

Women's Institute Formed.—A certificate of incorporation has been issued to the Okanagan Centre and Woods Lake Women's Institute. Its head office will be in Okanagan Centre, in the electoral district of South Okanagan, and it will do business within a six-mile radius of that place.

Time Extended.—Assessors through the province are being notified that the time for completing the assessment rolls for 1917 has been extended to January 31, and the time for completing the duties of the courts of revision and appeal in relation to the rolls has been extended from January 31 to February 25.

Timber-cutting Regulations.—In the current issue of the B. C. Gazette appears a copy of a Dominion order-in-council, making regulations for the cutting of timber under licenses and permits to cut on Dominion lands in this and other provinces. These are designed to prevent the pollution of streams or danger from fire.

British Columbia Gazette.—With this week's issue of the British Columbia Gazette, the official publication of the provincial government, the fifty-seventh volume begins. In all that time it has had but two publishers in the queen's, later the king's printer—the late Lt.-Col. R. Wolfenden and W. H. Collin, the present head of the bureau.

Lake Road Construction.—The Sanich works committee will this evening have before it the question of the Lake Road construction, since the contractors, Luney Brothers, are entitled to another progress payment. The work on the bridge to carry the Victoria & Sidney railway across the new road has been in progress for some time.

Church is Incorporated.—Under the provisions of the Benevolent Societies act the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, of this city, has been granted a certificate of incorporation. The objects of the society are religious purposes and the promotion of the cause of temperance and moral reform. There are five trustees provided for, the first being G. T. Building, Walter H. Allison, Wilber Bell, Mrs. S. P. Steele and Florence Shaffer.

Timber Sales.—The minister of lands is inviting tenders for the purchase of license X704, under which may be cut 27,420,000 feet of cedar, fir, hemlock, balsam spruce and pine on two areas adjoining Upper Powell river, four years being allowed for the removal of the timber; and of license X789, which authorizes the cutting of 6,019,000 feet of spruce, balsam and fir on the south shore of Hansard Lake, Cariboo district, three years being allowed for the removal of the timber.

Certificates as Assayers.—As the result of examinations for certificates of proficiency as assayers, held in December, 1915, in June last and again last month, the following certificates have been granted: On examination, E. G. Archer, Anyox; Norman Armstrong, Vancouver; A. R. Hodgson, Anyox; Frank Levy, Vancouver; S. M. Manning, Vancouver; T. T. Merrifield, Trail. As graduates of a mining school, Arthur L. Dempster, Rossland; R. C. Rutherford, Trail; William Sutherland, Glasgow, Scotland.

New Companies.—Three companies have received charters during the past week. These are: Canadian Patriotic Films, Limited, Vancouver, capital, \$10,000; Croyden Lumber Company, Limited, Fernie, \$25,000; Robertson and Hackett Sawmills, Limited, Vancouver, \$300,000. Licenses as extra-provincial companies have been granted to Mastodon Mining Company, Limited (Non-Personal Liability), an Alberta corporation, and to Brewster Transport Company, Limited, another Alberta company, the latter to take over the business of DeWaters Brothers at Banff and Laggan and on Field and Emerald Lake.

King's Daughters Meet.—The regular monthly business meeting of the King's Daughters was held on Wednesday morning, the district secretary, Mrs. L. H. Hardie, presiding. The meeting decided to make an arrangement with the Canadian Amusement Company, of Montreal, which will give two concerts under the auspices of the King's Daughters on March 14 and 15 next. The representative of the company will be here sometime during the next two months, when details will be announced. The work of the order was discussed, and reports showed that the use of the rooms continues to be about as usual, with a daily average attendance of 60. Gifts during the month were acknowledged from Mrs. Hebdon Gillespie and "A Friend," who gave cash; Mrs. A. E. Matheson, who presented plants for the table; and the Ministering Circle, which gave tea and sugar.



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P502—The Homes They Leave Behind. Maggie Teyte.	2033—That Ukulele Band. Hawaiian guitar duet.
1815—I Hear You Calling. Ma. Stehl, Taylor and Bergh.	1891—Absent. Columbia Stellar Quartette.
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Equal Egg. Reg. 50c. ....	28c	Chocolates, 1/2 lb. boxes. Reg. 30c. ....	19c
Gong's Soups, ....	25c	Special to-day ..... 19c	
all kinds, 6 for ..... 25c		Fresh Currant Buns Special, per doz. ....	10c
Family or Minto Sodas, large pkts. ....	24c	Christie's Snowflake Wafers. Reg. 17c. ....	25c
Special ..... 24c		Special, 2 for ..... 25c	
Fancy Biscuits, fresh from the ovens. Reg. 25c. Special, per lb. ....	21c	Genuine Macaroni 3 lbs. ....	19c
Java Table Syrup Large cans ..... 35c		Eucalyptus Oil Reg. 25c bottles. ....	20c
Red Seal Orange Marma- lade ..... 25c		Syrup of White Pine Reg. 25c bottles. ....	20c
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## AT THE THEATRES

### COMING NEXT WEEK.

Patrons of the Royal Victoria the-  
atre will be interested in the announce-  
ment of the appearance, on Monday  
next for four days, of Clara Kimball  
Young in the widely advertised Sel-  
nick-Picture production of Robert W.  
Chambers' noted novel "The Common  
Law." The picture was directed by  
Albert Capellani and in the cast sur-  
rounding the beautiful and popular  
star will be such noted players as Con-  
way Tearle, Paul Capellani, Edna  
Hunter, Lillian Cook, Julia Stuart, Ed-  
ward M. Kimball, Lydia Knott, and D.  
J. Flannigan.

### MARGUERITE CLARK AT DOMINION.

Those who enjoy a really delightful  
comedy will be amply repaid by visit-  
ing the Dominion this week-end, "Miss  
George Washington," with Miss Clark  
in the leading role, is the most up-to-  
date, the best production Miss Mar-  
guerite Clark has appeared in. The  
story tells of a school girl who could  
not tell the truth and in consequence  
was named Miss George Washington.  
Playing opposite Miss Clark is Niles  
Welsh, a young actor who gives a per-  
formance that would do credit to one  
of more years. He plays the part to  
the life. In the strong supporting cast  
are Frank Evans and Herbert Prior,  
two excellent actors. The picture is  
finely staged and directed by Searle  
Dawley. A steady ripple of mirth  
heard throughout the entire picture  
was evidence that last night's capacity  
audience at the Dominion found Miss  
Clark more captivating than ever. As  
capacity houses are assured nightly,  
patrons are advised to attend the mat-  
inees whenever possible.

### THE VARIETY.

"The Measure of a Man," to be ex-  
hibited in Bluebird Photoplays at the  
Variety theatre, to-day and to-morrow,  
will present two stars, favorites with  
devotees of Bluebird, in the leading  
roles. J. Warren Kerrigan, matinee  
idol of a thousand female "fans," will  
have for his leading lady Louise Love-  
ly, a girl whom every man who has  
watched her upon the screen will agree  
that she fully realizes in a physical  
way the description implied in her  
name.

Both of these favorites have been in-  
dividual stars in earlier Bluebirds.  
Miss Lovely made her American de-  
but in Bluebirds upon her arrival from  
Australia, less than ten months ago.  
She was first engaged as an "extra" in  
the company cast to present "The Grip  
of Jealousy," but after her first day's  
work she was advanced to the star  
role, when the girl assigned to play  
"the bride" in the opinion of the director,  
proved disappointing.

### ROYAL VICTORIA.

In "Caprice of the Mountains," which  
is the attraction at the Royal Victoria  
again to-night and to-morrow, the  
public will have its first view of June  
Caprice, a "made-to-measure" film  
star presented on the screen by Wil-  
liam Fox. He actually discovered this  
girl, whom he deems the most fascinat-  
ing young woman in America. He  
has set his heart on making her the  
greatest young film star in the entire  
world.

The name of this girl is June Cap-  
rice. She is seventeen years old. He  
has taken her right out of a New Eng-  
land school, bought her more dresses  
and beautiful clothes than any girl ex-  
cept some multi-millionaire's pam-  
pered daughter ever had, or expected  
to have; he sent her to famous photo-  
graphers and artists for sittings.

The big question is:  
Will you, the great picture public in  
all parts of this country, agree with  
William Fox? Will you think her as  
beautiful and winsome as he thinks  
she is? Will you, in a few months or  
a year from now, be calling her name  
as you have in the past called the  
names of Mary Pickford, dainty little  
Vivian Martin, who played the slavey  
in "Merely Mary Ann," and as you  
now talk of the tremendously popular  
Theda Bara?

"I will wager," says Mr. Fox, "that  
the public will admire her and voice  
their admiration in terms even more  
extravagant than I have been accused  
of using since I first found this lovely  
little lady in Boston."

### THE COLUMBIA

Constructed by Gabriele D'Annunzio,  
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ter of a million dollars, a sum exceed-  
ing the production expenses of ten of  
the largest of comic operas and being  
presented in only the high class the-  
atres, with a symphonic orchestra and  
chorus, "Cabiria" has gratified the  
ambitions of the directors of the Itala  
Film Company, by reaching the high-  
est point attainable in the amusement  
world. Their previous production "The  
Fall of Troy," was unanimously de-  
clared a wonderful photographic  
achievement, but "Cabiria" surpasses  
them all and can only be compared  
with "The Passion Play," as played by  
Anton Lang at Oberammergau, and  
"Jean d'Arc" as played by Maude  
Adams at the Harvard Stadium.

It would have been impossible to  
have produced "Cabiria" in the same  
manner as the two aforementioned  
spectacles, as five thousand actors and  
supers were necessary to the comple-  
tion of the picture and it is doubtful  
that any particular spot in the world  
would have afforded the unusual scenic  
investiture which became a part pic-  
ture only after six different countries  
had been visited and two years' time  
had been spent.

If "Cabiria" had been presented in  
that way, only those with sufficient  
resources to enjoy a European trip  
could have witnessed the exhibition,  
as in the case of "The Passion Play."  
It was the intention of the Itala com-  
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ical drama as an educational feature  
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TO-NIGHT  
JUNE CAPRICE  
in  
"CAPRICE OF THE MOUN-  
TAINS"  
A Story of the Great Out-Door.

### VARIETY THEATRE

TO-DAY  
J. WARREN KERRIGAN and  
LOUISE LOVELY in  
"THE MEASURE OF A MAN"

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under the direction of Maurice Le Plat.

For so small an island, Zen, where  
some survivors of the British had  
landed, filled a large part on the Greek  
stage. On its site, about the size of  
Greater London, were four famous  
ancient cities, remains of which can  
be identified. Mount Elias, as of old,  
towers over Ceos—in its new style; and  
the ruins of the acropolis prove that  
the tiny island was big enough to  
send a contingent of men to fight with  
the Greeks at Salamis. Three ruined  
temples of Apollo and an almost per-  
fect Hellenic tower offer tempting  
bait to the explorer. No better land-  
ing place could be desired for cast-  
aways, for the island is still the most  
fruitful of the Cyclades, and its old  
name of Hydroussa testifies to an  
ample supply of "good water."—Lon-  
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## "HIAWATHA"

Daisy Chain Chapter Performance to  
Be Saturday Night at Old  
Victoria Theatre.

The final dress rehearsal for "Hia-  
watha" takes place this evening and the  
performance will be tomorrow at 8 p. m.  
in the old Victoria theatre. The members  
of the Daisy Chain Chapter, the re-  
cast of which is Mrs. D. E. Campbell, have  
rehearsed daily for the last two weeks,  
and the play will be most interesting,  
every character fully understanding her  
own impersonation. Miss Charlotte  
Spencer will render a solo, and Mrs.  
Robert's orchestra is kindly providing  
typical Indian selections. Tickets may be  
had at Messrs. Williams' drug store,  
Short, Hill & Duncan, Cochran's drug  
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The cast is as follows:  
Prologue .... Spoken by Miss May Dorrell  
Hiawatha (a boy of 10) .... Miss Mary Ross  
Hiawatha, the Indian brave .....  
Minne-ha-ha (Hiawatha's wife) .....  
Nokomis (Hiawatha's grandmother) .....  
Miss Dorothy Nicol  
Hiawatha (the sweet singer) .....  
1-a-2-a, a hooster .... Miss Laura Macklin  
Pau-pa Kewies (a rap and best dancer) .....  
Miss Mabel Rhodes  
Arrowmaker (Minne-ha-ha's father) .....  
Miss Dorothy Nicol  
Chibiabos (the great singer) .....  
Miss Charlotte Spencer  
Lazzy Kwasind (the strong man) .....  
Miss Alderney Hallam  
Priest ..... Miss Dorothy Nicol  
White-Han ..... Miss Doris Macklin  
Mondamin, incarnation of Indian  
maize ..... Miss Dorothy Nicol  
First Ghost ..... Miss Dorothy Nicol  
Second Ghost ..... Miss Dorothy Nicol  
Pamhe ..... Miss Dorothy Nicol  
Fishes ..... Miss Doris Macklin  
Maid of Pechotah and Ojibway tribes, .....  
Misses Mary Campbell, Mona Miller,  
Thurley Wilkerson, Dorothy Norris,  
Eld Brown, Lillian Norris, Peggy  
Humber.  
Squaws of Ojibway tribe .....  
Misses Marjory Brewster, Edith Eilers,  
Millicent Umbach, Emily Hanington.  
Braves of both tribes .....  
Misses Dorothy Robertson, Violet  
Joseph, Kathleen Redgrave, Christine  
Ross, Kathleen Muir.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for  
publication must be signed with the name  
and address of the sender.

John Thomson, of Cumberland, is at  
the Dominion.

Miss Barrett, of Vancouver, is at the  
Metropolis hotel.

Mr. Baker, of Montreal, is a guest at  
the Metropolis hotel.

E. A. Magal is at the Metropolis hotel  
from Vancouver, B. C.

John Downs and wife, of Seattle, are  
at the Metropolis hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are registered  
at the Metropolis hotel.

S. G. Robbins, of Revelstoke, is stay-  
ing at the Dominion hotel.

George R. Ryan, of Winnipeg, is a  
guest at the Empress hotel.

Dr. F. G. Keene is a guest at the  
Metropolis hotel from Seattle.

F. G. Yates, of New York city, is  
staying at the Empress hotel.

C. H. Clapp, of Butte, Mont., arrived  
at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Geo. Goldie and family, of Ruthilda,  
Sask., are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Paul Gibson and W. B. Danby, of At-  
berni, are new arrivals at the Dominion  
hotel.

R. M. Gaudin, of North Vancouver,  
registered at the Dominion hotel yester-  
day.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Pitt, of Ta-  
coma, registered at the Empress hotel  
yesterday.

A. L. Johnson is over from Port  
Angeles and is registered at the Do-  
minion hotel.

Thomas Rowley and Mrs. Rowley, of  
Port Alberni, are new arrivals at the  
Dominion hotel.

J. R. Irving and Roland Irving, of  
Portland, are amongst yesterday's ar-  
rivals at the Dominion.

Misses Mary and J. A. Dykes and  
Mrs. Duffell, of Kelowna, are registered  
at the Dominion hotel.

A. S. Wright and Mrs. Wright, of  
Amisk, Alta., are visiting Victoria and  
stopping at the Dominion.

Mrs. F. J. C. Dougall, of 816 Cook  
street, left yesterday for Portland, Ore.,  
where she will visit friends.

Vancouver registrations at the Em-  
press hotel yesterday included J. L.  
Davidson, C. B. Macneil, C. E. Wallace  
and Hugh B. Gilmour.

Mrs. Ralph Smith has returned to  
Vancouver and expects to remain in  
the city until the end of next week,  
when she will take up her residence at  
the Empress hotel.

Those Mohmands, now making fresh  
trouble, form one of a group of Afghan  
tribes which, driven eastward by Mon-  
gols between the thirteenth and fif-  
teenth centuries, expelled Hindu races,  
and overran the country northwest of  
Peshawar. Their barren hills cannot  
support them, so they follow the pro-  
fession of "road agents," as the Amer-  
ican euphemism runs, and levy  
blackmail on all travellers through  
their country, and toil on timber raft-  
ed down river from Kabul. Since the  
opening of the Khyber Pass they have  
suffered serious financial loss. The  
Mohmands have a high reputation for  
bravery, but, owing to inferior phy-  
sique, are seldom recruited for the In-  
dian army.—London Chronicle.

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## CHILDREN'S GIFT TO BELGIAN LITTLE ONES

Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars Subscribed by School Pupils of Province

His honor the lieutenant governor has had the great pleasure of being able to send forward a cheque for \$28,000 to the credit of the Belgian Children's Relief Fund.

This represents the generous gift of the school children of British Columbia to the relief of the little ones of Belgium, who are suffering so much through the devastation of their country by the common enemy.

Below is given the final returns of subscriptions from the schools of the province, this being supplementary to the returns already given:

Cities.	
Armstrong:	
High School Domestic Science Class	\$2.36
Duncan:	
Public School	\$7.00
Vancouver, North:	
Capilano	\$5.00
Municipalities.	
Chilliwack:	
Atcheltz, Div. 1	5.30
Do, Div. 2	3.20
Do, Div. 3	1.50
Lothburi	13.60
Cowichan, North:	
Chemainus (additional)	20.00
Delta:	
Ladner, High and Public	155.80
Westham Island	76.00
J. B. Burr	10.00
Sale of goods	10.00
Sunbury	13.00
Langley:	
Otter	25.00
Maple Ridge:	
Fraser	79.45
Maple Ridge	51.80
Whonnock, Div. 1	3.00
Matsqui:	
Bradner, Dunach, Mount	
Lehman	42.50
Pentiction:	
Poplar Grove	8.00
Surrey:	
Halls Prairie	18.00
Mud Bay	18.00
White Rock (additional)	5.00
Vancouver, North:	
North Star	24.48
Vancouver, South:	
High School	480.00
Rural and Assisted Schools.	
Abbotsford	107.35
Ashcroft	210.40
Atholmer	26.75
Carlin Siding	12.00
Castlegar	33.00
Clinton	33.90
Discovery	23.25
Field	35.75
Elfron	41.00
Fruitlands	36.00
Ganges	11.00
Glenora	20.15
Hosmer (additional)	1.25
Kundis	10.00
Nakusp	36.25
Okover	10.00
Ojala (additional)	1.00
Oyama	50.00
Rutland	50.00
Shaw Cove	3.50
Shuswap Falls	10.00
Sullivan Valley	40.00
Vader Island	8.00
Wynndel	23.50
Japanese Methodist Women's Assoc., New Westminster	10.00
Previously acknowledged	\$2,024.18
Less:	
Bad coin	\$1.20
Commission on cheques	.82
War tax on 3 cheques	.04
	2.08
	\$28,082.13

## For Thin, Nervous MEN AND WOMEN nothing equals or compares with the rich food properties in SCOTT'S EMULSION

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## PROVINCIAL FUND BETTER SUPPORTED

Contributions for December to Patriotic Work Exceed Any Previous Month

Contributions received by the Canadian Patriotic Fund, British Columbia provincial branch, for the month of December, 1916, amount to \$28,082.13 from provincial points and \$11,586.21 from Victoria city. Contributions received from the following points:

Aquamix	65.00
Armstrong	50.00
Ashcroft	203.70
Atlin	23.00
Abbotsford	45.00
Alert Bay	4.50
Anxoy	20.00
Barkerville	21.00
Bickles	67.25
Britannia Mines	3,553.30
Chase	250.00
Cowichan Station	109.00
Cranbrook	2,206.00
Creston	152.75
Chilliwack	1,000.00
Endorby	250.00
Fraser	12.31
Fort Steele	2,211.25
Fort St. John	30.00
Fraser Mills	500.00
Field	22.20
Golden	300.00
Grand Forks	984.00
Greenwood	1,045.61
Hasterton	500.00
Hedby	774.80
Harper's Camp	19.00
Interest earned	238.17
Kelowna	561.55
Kamloops	1,000.00
Lillooet	265.35
Ladysmith	73.00
Ladysmith (collieries)	578.00
Langley	800.00
Delta	500.00
Lytton	82.00
Maple Ridge	326.43
Mission City	120.00
Midway	120.00
Maillardville	50.00
Nanaimo	73.20
Nicola Valley	1,000.00
North Bend	60.00
New Denver	102.00
New Westminster	86.00
Nechako Branch (Vanderhoof)	4,132.45
Port Couillard	332.50
Prince George	150.00
Pentiction	450.00
Princeton	287.17
Phoenix	1,844.50
Powell River	1,875.00
Port Moody	660.15
Queen Charlotte	250.00
Queens	25.16
Revelstoke	305.00
Roseland	262.00
Robson	1,845.33
Rock Creek	41.90
Salmo	250.00
Salmon Arm	190.00
Sorrento	430.00
Silverton	15.50
Surrey	1,274.46
Surrey (Covendale)	146.52
Strandby	75.00
Trail	1,500.00
Trail Smelter	734.50
Terrace	4,400.00
Tynglet	120.00
Vernon	5.00
Victoria	1,128.00
Waneta	11,586.21
Wilmer (Windermere)	200.00
Yale	23.00
Total	\$28,082.13

## CASE ADJOURNED

Esquimalt Township vs. Young to Await Testimony of Man in England

The case before Mr. Justice Murphy in the supreme court yesterday between the corporation of the township of Esquimalt and Thomas E. Young, a contractor of this city, has been adjourned for two months. As stated more fully in yesterday's issue of the Times, the municipality of Esquimalt alleged irregularity in the execution of contracted work and are taking action for the purpose of recovering the sum of \$4,085.30, alleged to have been paid in excess in respect of certain items of the contract and for work the plaintiffs allege was not done at all.

An important witness bearing on the case is at the present time in England and in order that his testimony may be secured a commission will be issued, necessitating the case being called again two months hence.

"Ma," said little Tommy Slathers, "I wish my pa amounted to something in the world." "Why, Tommy, your father is a millionaire." "That ain't nothing, ma. Henry Penken's father is a hand-master, and leads all the parades."

## "PUSS IN BOOTS" NETS A GENEROUS AMOUNT

Canadian and French Red Cross Each Receive \$1,600; Children Entertained

The sum of \$4,346.14 has been netted from the production of the pantomime, "Puss in Boots," played all last week at the Royal Victoria theatre for the benefit of the Canadian and French Red Cross Societies.

A detailed statement of receipts and expenses has been issued by Henry Pearce, who was one of the most energetic promoters of the idea and who acted as business manager for the undertaking, and this shows that expenditure was kept down to just slightly over twenty-eight per cent of the gross proceeds, \$1,200 for the rental of the theatre being included in the total expense account of \$1,592, which had to be deducted from the gross receipts, viz. \$5,592.65. Those who have had experience with stage production, whether amateur or professional, will recognize this as a singularly low figure for expenses. The undertaking was more than a mere financial success. All those who had the good fortune to see it acknowledge it quite the finest thing they had ever seen in amateur theatricals, and in fact, quite a close rival of anything that was ever produced at Drury Lane in point of actual talent assembled.

The following is a detailed statement of receipts, expenses, and distribution of the net proceeds:

Total sale of seats	\$5,592.65
Profits on programmes	200.00
Total receipts	\$5,792.65
Expenses:	
Theatre	\$1,200.00
Costumes	\$1,592.00
Profess. labor account	\$75.00
Stage hands, music, etc.	\$75.00
Transfer and cartage	7.50
Rent of Old Victoria theatre, per Griffiths Co.	12.50
Total	\$3,057.00

Materials for all stage properties, i.e., submarine, royal coach, elephant, rocks, logs, etc., as per account rendered by Mr. Stewart G. Clark

Electric light at Princesses theatre, Mr. Dubois

Properties and costumes as per account rendered by Mr. Carroll

Lumber, etc., to make butcher's shop and other properties

Refreshments: Messrs. Terry's Drug Store to 17 people at theatre during interval between matinees and evening performances, Saturday, at cost

Cost of posters as per Mr. Heanell's account rendered

Sundry accounts in connection with scenery and properties

Showcards

Rubber stamp

Postage stamps

Total expenses

Summary:

Total proceeds

Total expenses

Net profit of pantomime

To which must be added the sum of \$25.38 which was subscribed by a few people of Victoria and given to Superintendents for the purpose of buying tickets for the pantomime and Christmas cheer for the children of our fighting men at the front

## The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 5.—5 a. m.—Since yesterday an ocean storm area has crossed Vancouver Island to the interior. It has caused high southerly and westerly winds on the Coast, Straits and Sound, and heavy rains on the Lower Mainland. Snow is falling in Cariboo and intense cold prevails in Atlin and the Yukon, and zero temperatures are general in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong southerly and westerly winds, partly cloudy, stationary or lower temperature. Lower Mainland—Southerly and westerly winds, partly cloudy, with occasional rains, lower temperature.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.56; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 43; wind, 10 miles S. W.; rain, 1.28; weather, fair.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.56; temperature, maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 40; wind, 10 miles S. W.; rain, 1.28; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.44; temperature, maximum yesterday, 39; minimum, 25; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, maximum yesterday, 18; minimum, 14; wind, 4 miles S. E.; snow, 20; weather, snowing.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.32; temperature, maximum yesterday, 22; minimum, 10; wind, calm; snow, 01; weather, cloudy.

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday.

Temperature.

Highest

Lowest

Average

Minimum on grass

Rain, 22-inch

General state of weather, rainy.

# ATTENTION

We beg to advise our patrons that we have secured the services of an expert photo-engraver. We are now prepared to handle all classes of copper and zinc half-tones, cartons, line work, color plates, etc.

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### 25 Pairs Men's Boots

Extra quality tan Calfskin Oxfords, Blucher or button style. Reg. \$6.00.

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### 32 Pairs Men's Boots

Nice quality Velour Calfskin, in either straight or wing last; slip sole. Reg. at \$7.50.

CLOSING-OUT SALE \$6.00



### 15 Pairs Men's Boots

Velour Calfskin Boots, in smart, dressy last, single sole, button style. Reg. at \$7.50.

CLOSING-OUT SALE \$5.75

### 17 Pairs Men's Boots

Patent Blucher Oxfords, in all sizes and widths. Reg. at \$6.00.

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### 20 Pairs Boys' Boots

Fine mahogany calfskin, slip sole. Bluchers, sizes 11 to 13½. Reg. \$4.00.

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### 23 Pairs Ladies' Boots

Dull Kid Boots, with 8-in. tops; novelty pattern, finished with smart buttons. Reg. at \$6.50.

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### 20 Pairs Ladies' Boots

Patent Boots, with white nubuck top in novelty effect; leather Louis heel. Reg. at \$7.00.

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### 20 Pairs Walk-Over Boots

Extra fine russet calf (tan), lacing style, with 8 in. white or champagne kid washable tops. Reg. at \$10.00.

CLOSING-OUT SALE \$7.75

### 40 Pairs Ladies' Boots

Smart Glazed Kid Boots, with 8-in. tops, leather Louis heels and medium sole. Reg. at \$6.50.

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### 120 Pairs Ladies' Evening Slippers

A beautiful assortment of patent or dull kid styles; all sizes and widths. Reg. at \$6.00.

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### 60 Pairs Ladies' Pumps

Fetching styles in all nubuck or nubuck with patent vamp; instep strap. Reg. at \$6.00.

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### 10 Pairs Extra Fine Brown Kid Lacing Boots

Vamps of brown oode calf; satin lined; full Louis heel; 8½-in. top. Reg. at \$14.00.

CLOSING-OUT SALE \$10.00

### 10 Pairs Walk-Over Duo-Tone Lacing Boots

Washable Grey Kid; 9-in. tops; covered Louis heels. Reg. at \$12.50.

CLOSING-OUT SALE \$8.75

### 25 Pairs Walk-Over Patent Bals

Washable 8½-in. white kid tops; leather Louis heels; Goodyear welted. Reg. \$10.00.

CLOSING-OUT SALE \$7.75

### 55 Pairs Ladies' Pumps

An assortment of fresh new styles in patent leather or gunmetal calfskin; Goodyear welted soles. Reg. at \$6.00.

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### 45 Pairs Girls' Boots

This is an assorted offering, which includes several of our best lines in patent leather and fine calf. Reg. \$3.75 and \$4.50.

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# SPORTING NEWS

## PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR SOCCER GAMES

Game at Beacon Hill Will Be  
Featured by Presence of  
143rd Battalion's Band

If the weather remains favorable there is every prospect that soccer enthusiasts will have an opportunity of seeing some very good games in both the senior and intermediate leagues tomorrow. Last Saturday the weather conditions were such that the games had to be postponed, and the players were given a holiday from their strenuous afternoon work. This week therefore, finds them ready to go to the game with renewed energy, and all who turn out to any of the matches are assured of seeing some good work.

A feature of the game at Beacon Hill between the Victoria Wests and the B. C. Bantams, which starts at 2.30, will be the presence on the field of the battalion band, which will render several selections during the afternoon. H. B. Robinson will referee this match. The other games are as follows.

Willows Camp vs. V. I. A. A., at Willows parade grounds. Referee, F. C. Payne.

Garrison vs. Navy, at Work Point. Referee, A. Lockley.

Intermediate League.

Centra's vs. James Bays, at Central Park. Referee, Sgt. Telfer.

Congos vs. Retailers, Beacon Hill upper ground. Referee, P. Pike.

The following line-ups have already been announced:

Bantams—Lieut. Meredith; Harker, Thompson; Jasper, Hornsby, Blakeborough; Syer, Johnson, Youson, Cornwall, Wilkie, Rescey, Lister, Burnie, Burns.

Navy—Long; Smith, Rutter, Bridge-water, Davis, Cronin; Hillier, Johnson, Merfield, Burt, Crosier.

Willows Camp—Thompson; Hart, Roberts; Young, Sharkey, Oldham; Hawksley, Cowie, Another, Reich, O'Leary.

Garrison—Bromley; Gale, Thompson; Martin, Lynn, Forest; Buxton, Rose, Plimore, Stevens, Davies.

V. I. A. A.—Le Fevre; Brown, Elliott; Cummings, Taylor, Davies; McGregor, Down, Adam, Speak, Tichen, Rescey, McArthur, Dumbleton.

Victoria Wests—Mickerson; White, Allan; Petticrew, McLeod, Sherritt; T. Peden, Petticrew, Thomas, Another.

## BASKETBALL GAMES AT Y. M. C. A. TO-DAY

Some good boys' basketball will be seen at the local Y. M. C. A. this evening, starting at 8 o'clock. Five Empire League games are to be played:

At 7.15—The Achilles play the Trojans (B).

At 7.35—The Romans (B) play the Spartans (B).

At 8.00—The Business Boys' Club plays the Minutemen.

At 8.30—The Metropolitans play the Acha Coos.

At 8.00—The St. John's Club play the Centennial Boys' Club.

## TRAINING FOR RACES.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—Those who followed Tom Longboat through his ramifications as a private and non-commissioned officer in the Sportsmen's Battalion, now training in England, will perhaps not be surprised to read the following message which has been received here:

"Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian long-distance runner, is reported at Hot Springs, Ark., in training for professional races, one of which may be held in Madison Square Gardens, New York, February next, against Alfred Shrubbs and several other prominent runners."

"Everybody at the party was talking at once." "They were quite right," commented Miss Cayenne. "Everybody might as well talk. There was absolutely no fear of interrupting anything worth listening to."

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## WANDERER STAR



ODIE CLEGGHORN

Sterling defence player of the Montreal Red Bands who is going strong this season. His brother, Sprague, is out of the game suffering from a severe injury sustained in the opening match of the season at Quebec.

## SOLDIERS' TEAM HAS THIRD VICTORY NOW

228th Battalion Hockeyists Are  
Making Run for Eastern  
Championship

N. H. A. Standing.	Goals	W. L. F. A. Pts.
228th Battalion	3 0 24 11	1,000
Toronto	2 1 15 10	877
Ottawa	2 1 14 16	867
Quebec	1 2 13 14	833
Canadians	1 2 9 16	833
Wanderers	0 3 10 27	400

Soldiers Blank Torontos.

Outlooking their opponents, the 228th Battalion team defeated the Torontos in the last N. H. A. fixture in the Queen City, winning by a score of 4-0. It was the third straight victory for the khaki-clad players. In the other fixtures in the east the Canadians came back after losing their first two matches and downed Quebec in the Ancient City by a score of 4-2, while the Ottawa Senators beat Wanderers 10-5.

Toronto had the best of the play with the soldiers in the first two periods but failed to score. Producers, Duncan and Arbour scored for the league leaders. Lalonde and Corbeau starred for Canadians in Quebec. A lot of rough play marred the Wanderer-Ottawa clash. Sprague Clegghorn knocked out Frank Nighor and then put Gerard hors de combat in a collision. Ottawa outplayed the home team at all stages.

## BOWLING NEWS.

The Cameron Lumber Company won from the Garrison team last night at the Arcade alleys in the Junior Bowling League match. The scores follow:

Cameron Lumber Co.	
J. Mitchell	122 176 133
B. Cameron	129 101 112
G. Dickson	148 154 126
B. Hanna	132 125 114
Totals	539 556 485-1,509
Garrison	
Taylor	125 116 123
Gardner	74 124 89
Hollins	119 77 82
White	106 89 99
Totals	417 406 392-1,215

The Toggery Shop and the B. C. Motors will roll on Monday in the next Junior League match. To-night the Garrison and Private teams in the Commercial League will meet.

Demand Phoenix Beer. Home product.

## BASKETBALL LEAGUE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Complete Schedule of Games  
Covering Three  
Months

The schedule committee of the Sunday School Basketball League of Victoria met Wednesday night and prepared a schedule of games for the ladies and intermediate divisions. In each of these five teams have entered. In the intermediate division the following teams are entered: Congregational, Metropolitans, Presbyterians, "A" and "B" and James Bays, and in the ladies division, Congregational, Reform, Reformed Episcopal and Presbyterians "A" and "B." The schedule arranged provides for each team in both divisions playing the other teams in their respective division three times, making a total of 30 games.

There are four entries in the senior division as follows: James Bays, Congregational, Crusaders and Presbyterians. The schedule for this division has not been drawn up yet, on account of three of these teams being entered in the CBY League, and as its schedule runs well into April, the schedule committee of the Sunday School League have decided not to begin the senior division until March 6, and will conclude about the 17th of April, provision having been made for these games in the other schedules.

All the Sunday School League games will be played in First Presbyterian church gymnasium, referees are being arranged for, and great interest and activity is now being manifested in this indoor game, now that the league games are about to begin.

In the ladies' and intermediate series First Presbyterian church have entered two teams and in the senior division, with commendable sporting spirit, the Congregationals have entered two teams. First Presbyterian church, although mourning the loss of four of their last year's champion team, have entered a five. The secretaries of all Sunday schools, or those in charge of the basketball teams, are reminded that registration forms for each player must be in the hands of the registration committee seven days before the date of the first match, accompanied by the fee of 10 cents each for ladies and intermediate boys, and 25 cents for seniors. These forms must be signed by the pastor of the church and superintendent of the Sunday school and intermediate play. Schedule of Ladies' Games.

Jan. 13—Presbyterians, "B" vs. Congregationals.

Jan. 14—Belmonts vs. Reformed Episcopalians.

Jan. 20—Congregationals vs. Presbyterians, "A"; Presbyterians, "B" vs. Reformed Episcopalians.

Jan. 23—Congregationals vs. Reformed Episcopalians; Presbyterians, "A" vs. Belmonts.

Jan. 27—Presbyterians, "B" vs. Presbyterians, "A."

Jan. 30—Congregationals vs. Belmonts; Reformed Episcopalians vs. Presbyterians, "A."

Feb. 3—Belmonts vs. Presbyterians, "B"; Presbyterians, "A" vs. Congregationals.

Feb. 6—Belmonts vs. Reformed Episcopalians.

Feb. 13—Presbyterians, "B" vs. Congregationals; Presbyterians, "A" vs. Belmonts.

Feb. 17—Presbyterians, "B" vs. Reformed Episcopalians.

Feb. 20—Congregationals vs. Reformed Episcopalians; Presbyterians, "A" vs. Belmonts.

Feb. 24—Belmonts vs. Congregationals.

Feb. 27—Reformed Episcopalians vs. Presbyterians, "A"; Presbyterians, "B" vs. Belmonts.

March 3—Reformed Episcopalians vs. Presbyterians, "B."

March 6—Congregationals vs. Presbyterians, "A."

March 13—Belmonts vs. Reformed Episcopalians.

March 17—Congregationals vs. Presbyterians, "B"; Belmonts vs. Presbyterians, "A."

March 20—Reformed Episcopalians vs. Congregationals.

March 24—Congregationals vs. Belmonts; Presbyterians, "A" vs. Presbyterians, "B."

March 27—Belmonts vs. Presbyterians, "B."

March 31—Reformed Episcopalians vs. Presbyterians, "A."

Intermediate Schedule.

Jan. 16—James Bays vs. Congregationals; Metropolitans vs. Presbyterians, "A."

Jan. 20—Congregationals vs. Presbyterians, "B."

Jan. 23—Presbyterians, "A" vs. James Bays.

Jan. 27—Congregationals vs. Presbyterians, "A"; Presbyterians, "B" vs. Metropolitans.

Jan. 30—James Bays vs. Presbyterians, "B."

Feb. 3—Congregationals vs. Metropolitans.

Feb. 6—Presbyterians, "A" vs. Presbyterians, "B"; Metropolitans vs. James Bays.

Feb. 10—Metropolitans vs. Presbyterians, "A."

Feb. 13—James Bays vs. Congregationals.

Feb. 17—James Bays vs. Presbyterians, "A"; Presbyterians, "B" vs. Congregationals.

Feb. 20—Presbyterians, "B" vs. Metropolitans.

Feb. 24—Congregationals vs. Presbyterians, "A."

terians, "A"; James Bays vs. Presbyterians, "B."

Feb. 27—Congregationals vs. Metropolitans.

March 2—Presbyterians, "A" vs. Presbyterians, "B"; James Bays vs. Metropolitans.

March 6—James Bays vs. Presbyterians, "A."

March 10—Presbyterians, "B" vs. Congregationals.

March 13—Metropolitan vs. Presbyterians, "A."

March 17—Congregationals vs. James Bays.

March 20—Presbyterians, "A" vs. Congregationals.

March 24—Metropolitans vs. Presbyterians, "B."

March 27—Congregationals vs. Metropolitans.

March 31—James Bays vs. Presbyterians, "B."

April 3—Metropolitans vs. James Bays; Presbyterians, "A" vs. Presbyterians, "B."

## AMERICAN BASEBALL HAS GOOD SEASON

Summary of Years' Work  
Among Ball Clubs Shows  
Game Still Thrives

When the past between organized baseball and the Federal League was signed the American pastime emerged from the most serious entanglement into which it has ever been thrown. But the stability of the game and the place it holds in sports have been amply proven by the "come back" it has made during the past year. It needs reforming, and reforms may be expected, but from the standpoint of the follower of the game—the one who pays the freight—baseball has proven its mettle.

From the opening of the 1916 season until the Red Sox defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers, in four out of five games, starting at Boston on the ninth day of last October, baseball furnished thrill after thrill.

Early in the year—on January 5—Charles Weegman and his associates purchased the Chicago Cubs, and a few days later the Boston Braves were sold to Percy Haughton and a syndicate of business men. In the same month the New York Giants purchased Benny Kauff, Anderson and Rariden from the Federals.

In February Judge K. M. Landis gave the baseball world a thrill by dismissing the famous trust-busting suit instituted by the outlaw leaguers, the exact date of this announcement being February 7. Two days later Ed. Konetchy was purchased by the Braves for a sum said to have been \$18,000, and during the next week the Yankees bought Frank Baker from Connie Mack.

Following along in April, after Jas. C. Dunn had purchased the Cleveland club, the sale of Tristram Speaker to the Indians started the fans all over the country. The sum of \$50,000 paid for Speaker was said to be the largest amount ever laid down for a ball player.

It was in May that the New York Giants started their first big winning streak in the west, and they piled up 17 victories before they were stopped. In July the Giants again got into the spotlight through the trade with Cincinnati by which Christy Mathewson went to the Reds and Charley Herzog to New York. This trade was consummated July 20.

In August, the 25th day, to be exact, Fred Merkle went to the Brooklyn Dodgers in a trade for McCarty, Brooklyn's star young catcher, and on the 25th of the same month John McGraw pulled another thriller by sending Lardie Doyle to Chicago for Heinie Zimmerman.

On the 15th day of September the major leagues drafted 74 players from the minors, one of the largest drafts that has ever been made, and then once again McGraw and his New York Giants came into the spotlight by winning 28 straight games of baseball. They had their winning streak broken in New York, and the Boston club was the one which put on the crusher.

In the meantime the race for the pennants in both leagues held the attention of fans all over the country. The American League race, with seven clubs in the running up to the last of August, was the most successful one in its history. In the old league three teams—the Dodgers, Phillies and Boston Braves—fought it out tooth and nail to the bitter end, and the havoc wrought by the Giants in their record-breaking, steam-rolling string of wins lent interest to the chase for the flag.

Red Sox Champions.

The season's close found the Boston Red Sox world's champions, after a comparatively easy series against Brooklyn. It found conditions in baseball indicative of a brighter future than the game has ever known before and the process of building up the props that had been torn down in the war with the Feds much faster than had been expected.

The naming of Fred Mitchell as manager of the Chicago Cubs, together with legislation toward altering the rules of the game and the handling of the world's series, marked the winding up of the year for the major leagues. The minors, with the prospect of getting equal representation in cases which concern them, can truly look ahead to better things.

## WILL MEET MITCHELL.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 5.—Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion pugilist, has been matched to meet Ritchie Mitchell, Milwaukee, before a local club on January 16, according to word received from New York to-day. The boys are to weigh 135 pounds at 3 o'clock on the afternoon preceding the contest.

## SPORTS ENJOYED BY TROOPS NEAR FRONT

Many Games and Pastimes Indulged in Within Sound of Cannon

Under the caption "Horse Races and Athletics Under Fire" the British Intelligence service in London has approved the following story:

"The British armies at the front," the story reads, "give themselves up to sport within the sound, and even within the reach, of the enemy guns, with all the zest of the English sportsman pursuing his hobby in peacetime."

"Practically every form of outdoor sport is assiduously followed by the British troops in France and Flanders. There seems to be only one solitary exception, viz., golf. But this is because all the courses in the strategic area are either cut up by trenches or else serve as sites for field hospitals and base camps. Still, golf cannot be missed much, since there are abundant facilities for cricket and football, not to mention boxing and swimming, together with race meetings, gymkhanas, horse shows, boxing and wrestling matches, and the like."

"Perhaps the simplest sporting fixture to arrange is an athletic meeting, with a general programme, which includes a large variety of events. So far as possible the management is left to the men themselves, but two or three officers are always on the committee. A prize fund is also put up by the commission ranks, and a liberal grant is probably forthcoming from the surplus profits of the field force canteen. A tug-of-war is always a feature of garrison or regimental sports at the front. The contests are inter-regimental and inter-company, and sometimes officers versus N. C. O.s or married versus single. Sack races, obstacle races, sprinting and jumping also figure in the programme, and in addition there are probably two or three events for the villagers who assemble in force to watch 'Les Anglais'."

"It is only when the locale happens to be a base camp that the onlookers at a race meeting, gymkhana, or football match, and the like, are likely to include any civilians. Even then the proportion is very small. Everywhere else the spectators are entirely military, and if any ladies grace the assemblage they are certain to belong to the army nursing service. But, for all that, the 'gate' is not necessarily British throughout, since it is sure to include a number of French and Belgian officers and men."

"The peasants and villagers from the district are immensely interested in the proceedings, and about 'Bep-peep cooay' with all the strength of their lungs. Judging from their private comments, it is a never-ceasing wonder to them that the soldiers should have the energy to run races and otherwise exercise themselves when not actually compelled to do so. But there are a great many things about the British soldier in France that—despite his long sojourn among them—the French villagers do not understand. 'Qu'ils sont drôles, ces Anglais!' they declare, admiringly."

"A race meeting actually under fire has a distinctly novel sound. Still, it is a common enough experience of the present campaign, and many such have been successfully held during the last few months. There is nothing elaborate about the preparations. A fine afternoon and a couple of hours' comparative freedom from the attentions of the 'Boches' suffice for the purpose. The grand stand is a stack of biscuit boxes or the top of a motor lorry and rings and enclosures do not exist. Nor are there facilities for making a 'book' or backing one's fancy. It is all sport for sport's sake, without the adventitious stimulant of gambling."

"Like a race meeting, a gymkhana amid the roar of an enemy's guns, and

## EUROPE'S CHAMPION



GEORGES CARPENTIER

Who, according to the latest reports from New York, has signed a contract, to fight for Tex Rickard, when he comes to America.

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If YOU know any man whom you believe able to go and give the men, who have been months in the trenches, a much needed rest,

"SEND US HIS NAME"

We will give him a chance.

LT.-COL. BRUCE POWLEY, Officer Commanding. USE THIS COUPON FULLY. LT. ELY, Recruiting Officer. USE IT TO-DAY.

TO LIEUT. IN CHARGE RECRUITING 143rd Battalion, C. E. F., Victoria, B. C.

Date ..... 1916

Sir,—I beg to give you a name, hereunder, of a man who, to the best of my knowledge, is eligible to enlist.

His Name Is .....

His Business Address .....

His Private Address .....

(You may sign this coupon, or not, as you wish).

FOR THE SACKER

Don't wait and be one of the miserable few Who refused to enlist though his duty he knew— Though he gains all the wealth the world can bestow He's a poor selfish wretch with the Boys not to go!

with hostile aircraft circling overhead, strikes a curious note. But plenty of them are held at the front. The Hun is not a sportsman, and he would just as soon drop a bomb on the competitors at such times as he would on a church. Anyway it has happened often enough.

"The cavalry and remount camps, of which a great many have been established in different parts of France, are usually pitched in the grounds of a farm or a country house. Most of them are charmingly situated amid apple orchards and meadows, with comfortable quarters for the men and horses. After a spell in the dreary trenches, or the leaky barns and stables of the average billet, life in such surroundings offers welcome amenities. Before the troops have settled down in their quarters for any length of time they are certain to get up a horse show. These are thoroughly enjoyable functions, and the different events in the programme always evoke keen competition."

"As a general rule devotees of cricket and football have to depend upon the selves for an opposing team. When, however, they happen to be quartered at a base, it is often possible to arrange a match with the French members of the garrison. These put up a good game; for the poloists have quite taken to 'le football.' Many such matches are played at Havre, where there is a field reserved for the purpose close to one of the camps."

"Above all these pleasures, perhaps, is that of the fisherman. Well-stocked trout streams are plentiful in France, and the present-day representatives of old Isaac Walton keep them well whipped. How often they must recall and long for a realization of the closing words of 'The Compleat Angler'— 'study to be quiet.'"

## BOXING GAME SEES VERY FEW CHANGES

Jess Willard, After Defeating  
Moran Has an Untarnished  
Title

In the realm of right and left jabs and uppercuts no American championship has changed hands during 1916, although the title of bantamweight champion was clouded when Johnny Ertle, of St. Paul, was awarded a decision over champion Johnny Williams, of Baltimore, on a foul. Williams, the least of all the champions in size, is generally credited as the champion still.

In the featherweight division Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland, stands out supreme. His only battle of championship calibre, against Geo. Chaney, at Cedar Point, Ohio, on September 4, resulted in an easy victory by the knockout route in the third round.

Freddie Welsh was the busiest champion of them all, for he took part in numerous ten-round no-decision affairs. In two bouts in New York, against Benny Leonard, Welsh was credited with one victory and one defeat, but neither was to a decision, and there was merely a question of awarding points on which to base the popular decisions rendered. On Labor Day, at Colorado Springs, Welsh was awarded the referee's decision over Charlie White, of Chicago, after 20 rounds of comparatively tame milling.

As has been the case for several years, neither the welter nor middleweight championship rests solidly upon any one brow. In both divisions there are many claimants, though general sentiment and the combined opinion of experts award the best claim among the welters to Jack Britton, and that among the middleweights to Mike Gibbons.

Jack Dillon and Battling Levinsky are disputing the claim to the lightweight championship. Dillon was rated as the leader in this division by boxing authorities early in the year, but a defeat by Levinsky, in Boston, last autumn, unshook his claims to a

certain degree in the estimation of some experts. However, Dillon's defeat of Tom Cowler, which he knocked out in two rounds, and his easy victory over Frank Moran in New York, June 29, which was followed by his knockout of Jim Flynn, of Devere, Okla., on July 1, give him a margin over the New York contender.

Standing alone among the heavyweights, Jess Willard spent a year of practical inactivity. His bout with Frank Moran, which he captured in a decisive manner in a New York ring, March 25, left his title untarnished. Spending the summer as a circus attraction Willard made his title a profitable one.

The wrestling fraternity, which had hoped for the return of Frank Gotch, the Humboldt, Ia., terror, from retirement, was disappointed. Gotch has declared himself through with the mat for all time, and Joe Stecher, the Nebraska farmer boy, stands out as the logical successor to the greatest catch-as-catch-can master the world has known. Many wrestlers of different weights held forth throughout the country and the heavyweight matmen are again coming to the fore.

## DICK IRVIN TO BE SENSATION IN GAME

"Dick Irvin is the greatest forward who ever came into the Pacific Coast League and before the end of the season he will be one of the best players in the country. He's a natural-born goal getter, scores from almost any possible angle, and, what's more, he pucks 'em where the other fellow doesn't happen to be at the right moment."

Frank Patrick, president of the P. C. H. A., delivered himself of this great boast about the former Winnipeg amateur upon his return to Vancouver from Seattle where he watched the Buds trim the Mets, 7-4. The coast magnate doesn't break forth with boasts about any players unless there is some justification for it. But from what he has to say about Irvin, and also Loughlin and Marples, Portland has picked up three of the coming stars of the puck-chasing game. Prexy Patrick is always a trifle dubious about the ability of amateurs to make good, at least in one season. But after following Irvin's work for several games and glimpsing his brilliant play against Seattle the other night, he's singing his praises, and the statement by Patrick that Irvin is the best forward who ever came into this league should be worth something. The league boss knows hockey and knows a player when he glimpses one.

Besides offering the opinion that Irvin is proving the sensation of the season and that he has won for himself a permanent berth in the ranks of professional hockeyists, Prexy Patrick also handed a few bouquets to Stan Marples and Clem Loughlin, teammates of Irvin's, and also from Winnipeg. He predicts a rosy future for the former and believes that under the coaching he is receiving from "Moose" Johnson, Loughlin will develop into a defence man of no mean ability.

## PLANS DISCUSSED FOR INTER-LEAGUE GAMES

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Possibility of an inter-league series between the International League and the American Association looms large as a result of a conference in Cincinnati between the presidents of the two leagues. Details of the arrangements probably will be considered at the meeting of the International League, which President Edward Barrow announced will be held in New York within ten days or two weeks.

Possible transfer of Topeka franchise of the Western League to Pueblo, Col., was the subject of a conference in Lincoln, Neb., between John Savage, owner of Kansas City club, and President Zehrung of the league. Savage said he was awaiting action from the commercial bodies in Pueblo before making the transfer, and that if Topeka wished to retain the club he was willing to sell, but unwilling to remain there himself.



Corporation of the District of Saanich  
ELECTION OF  
**SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

District of Saanich, that I require the presence of said electors at the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, B. C. on Monday, the 8th day of January.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 5 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and if the poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 15th day of January, 1917, at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Folsom School House, Boleksine; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tyndal Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKenzie Avenue School, corner McKenzie Avenue, Road; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the junction of the East and West Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Saanich.

Road; for the Seventh Ward and the  
 Craigflower School District, at Store, cor-  
 ner of Tillicum Road and Obed Avenue,  
 and such polling places will be open from  
 9 o'clock a. m. to 7 p. m., at which time  
 and place each elector who is duly qual-  
 ified to vote for Reeve will be entitled to  
 cast his vote for Two (2) candidates for  
 members of the Board of School Trustees,  
 but may only cast one vote for each can-  
 didate, or which every person is hereby

The qualifications for a School Trustee shall be any person being a British subject, of full age of twenty-one years, actually residing in the District, and not having been for the three months next preceding the day of his or her nomination, a bankrupt, or a person who has been removed from the office of Registrar of the Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the said District, or who, on the last day of the said Province, is indebted, by way of Two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge; and no person shall be eligible to be a School Trustee, who is a bankrupt, or a person who has been removed from the office of Registrar of the Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality for the space of three months immediately preceding the day of nomination; and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, or is a bankrupt, or is under any judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has not obtained a title, or who has not a period of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and during the remainder

any person who has been the owner of any land, of which he formerly was a home-  
stead, leasee from the Crown, or pre-  
emptor, and is assessed for five hundred  
dollars or more on the last Municipal or  
Provincial Assessment, and who is  
above any registered judgment or charge;  
and being otherwise qualified by this Act  
to vote at an election of school trustees  
in the said school district, shall be eligible  
to be elected or to serve as a school trustee  
in such district municipality school  
district.

Under my hand at Royal Oak,  
British Columbia, this 1st day of De-  
cember, 1918.

R. R. F. SEWELL,  
Returning Officer.

**SAANICH MUNICIPAL**

# ELECTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and secondor and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and shall state the names, residence and occupation or description of the proposed candidates, and be sufficiently to identify such candidate.

and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 15th inst. at the following places: For the First Ward, at Cedar Hill School House, Cedar Hill Cross Road; for the Second Ward, at Pointe-Sainte-Elie School, Pointe-Sainte-Elie; for the Third Ward, at the Hall, Tynndale Avenue, Gordon Head; for the Fourth Ward, at McKensie Avenue, Borden, corner of the Tynndale Avenue; for the Fifth Ward, at Raymond Street; for the Fifth Ward, at Royal Oak School, near the Junction of the East and West Spanish Roads; for the Sixth Ward, at the Temperance Hall, East Spanish Road; for the Seventh Ward, at the Store, corner of Tillamou Road and Obed Avenue. The polls will remain open from 9 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Any person qualified for Reeve shall be eligible for the office of Reeve, provided he be a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination, the registered voter in the Electoral District.

and of real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise duly qualified to hold office.

The qualifications for a Councillor shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the last Municipal Assessment Roll the owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a tenant, or leasee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the said Assessment Roll, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal Assessment Provincial Assessment Roll over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, leasee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the said Assessment Roll, and during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land, of which he has been the owner for the space of one year or more from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal Assessment Provincial Assessment Roll over and above any registered judgment or charge; and being otherwise duly qualified as a Municipal Councillor.

Given under my hand at Royal Oak, British Columbia, this 21st day of December, 1916.

R. R. F. SEWELL.

Returning Officer.



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## ECHO OF COLLISION

Capt. Park Gives Evidence Before Registrar at Vancouver.

The collision between the Union company's steamer Venture and the American motor barge Watson in Vancouver narrows on February 24 last, found an echo in the Vancouver courthouse yesterday when Capt. Park, who was master of the Venture at the time, gave his evidence before the registrar, in view of an action for damages which the Union Steamship company owners of the Venture, are bringing against the American firm. Capt. Park is now master of the steamer Turret-Crown, and, as he is taking his vessel to Panama, it was necessary to secure his evidence before his departure. A marine court of inquiry has already investigated the collision.

## WIRELESS REPORTS

Jan. 5, 8 a.m.

Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.64; 40; sea smooth.  
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 29.64; 38; sea smooth.  
Pachena—Misty; S. E.; 29.40; 42; light swell.  
Eastvan—Overcast; calm; 29.47; 38; sea moderate.  
Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.48; 32; sea smooth.  
Triangle—Cloudy; S. W.; 29.63; 41; sea moderate. Spoke str Princess Maquina, 11.30 p.m., left Bella Bella, 10.30 p.m., northbound.  
Dead Tree Point—Clear; calm; 29.61; 23; sea smooth.  
Prince Rupert—Overcast; calm; 29.48; 30; sea moderate.

Noon.

Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.79; 43; sea smooth.  
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; N. W.; light; 29.71; 42; sea smooth. Spoke str Princess Beatrice, 11.15 a.m., off Mud Island, northbound.  
Pachena—Cloudy; N. W.; 29.75; 40; light swell.  
Estevan—Cloudy; N. W.; light; 29.64; 42; sea moderate.  
Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.64; 42; sea smooth.  
Triangle—Overcast; S. W.; 29.64; 42; sea moderate.  
Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; N. E.; 29.40; 31; sea smooth.  
Prince Rupert—Cloudy; calm; 29.59; 34; sea smooth. Passed in str Princess Ena, 11 a.m., northbound.

## = Arrivals and Departures =

### COASTWISE SERVICES

**For Vancouver**  
Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 8 p.m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice daily at 11.45 p.m.  
Steamer Prince George leaves Mondays, 10 a.m.  
**From Vancouver**  
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 8 p.m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice at 11.30 a.m.  
**For San Francisco**  
Steamer Governor, Jan. 5.  
Steamer President, Jan. 8.  
**For Seattle**  
Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4.30 p.m.  
Steamer Prince George leaves Sundays, 10 a.m.  
**From Seattle**  
Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p.m.  
**For Port Angeles**  
Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a.m.  
**From Port Angeles**  
Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a.m.

**For Prince Rupert**  
Steamer Prince George Mondays, 10 a.m.  
**From Prince Rupert**  
Steamer Prince George Sundays, 7 a.m.  
**For Comox**  
Steamer Charmer leaves every Tuesday a.m.  
**From Comox**  
Steamer Charmer arrives every Sunday.  
**For Skagway**  
Steamer Princess Sophia, Jan. 12.  
**From Skagway**  
Steamer Princess Sophia, Jan. 8.  
**For Holberg**  
Steamer Teas leaves on 1st and 20th of each month.  
**From Holberg**  
Steamer Teas arrives on 7th and 27th of each month.  
**For Clayoquot**  
Steamer Teas leaves on 10th of each month.  
**From Clayoquot**  
Steamer Teas arrives on 10th of each month.

## SECOND NAVAL DRAFT LEAVES FOR ENGLAND

Twenty-Four Men of R. N. C. V. R., Dispatched for Service With Overseas Division

Another draft for the overseas division of the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, composed of 24 men who have been recruited in this district and outfitted at the Esquimalt naval station, left this afternoon on the 2 o'clock boat for Vancouver en route to the United Kingdom to "do their bit" for the empire. The party was made up of: E. Burke, A. E. Webster, M. H. Ritz, T. L. Helliwell, A. Harland, J. Hinkman, R. A. Hewlett, J. R. Wilson, J. H. Plint, T. Morton, D. Delhouse, J. Chinn, K. D. Jones, Wm. Chew, S. L. Tyron, W. Mann, M. Mcintosh, W. Garity, A. Blair, G. Burton, R. E. Wilcox, E. S. Dolhenty, W. E. Baker and E. Morrison.

This is the last draft of men recruited in this section of the country during the year 1916. They will proceed direct to England and will be distributed among the important naval stations of Portsmouth, Chatham and Devonport, where they will undergo preliminary training and later be placed aboard ships of the line.

Under the scheme initiated by Capt. J. H. B. Report Guinness during the past fall for the raising of 5,000 naval recruits throughout Canada for service with the imperial navy, it was anticipated that fully 2,000 men would be recruited by the end of 1916. The various committees appointed have been working energetically at all the big centres and on the whole the response has been good. The final returns covering the period of recruiting up to December 31 are not yet available.

Young men of good character and physique, who are British subjects, are presently required to swell the numbers joining up with this branch of the senior service. No previous experience at sea is necessary. Applicants must be, for seamen, 18 to 30 years of age, and stokers from 18 to 35 years. All kit is provided free and the men are placed on the same rate of pay and separation allowance as the Canadian military service. Those desirous of joining the service should lose no time in making application to Petty Officer Otter, in charge of the recruiting office, 1205 Broad street, or to the naval authorities at the Esquimalt dockyard.

## IMPORTANT TRANSFER

Property of Eastern S. S. Corporation Changes Hands for \$3,386,000.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 5.—Millions of dollars worth of steamship, wharf and warehouse property was disposed of Wednesday, when the fleet of steamers, landing places and leases of the Eastern Steamship Corporation, in the hands of receivers, were sold under foreclosure proceedings for \$3,386,000, the purchasers assuming the liabilities of the concern.

The properties in St. John, in Maine, Massachusetts and New York were bid in by Joseph A. Downs, of Haydock, Stone & Company, bankers, of Boston, New York and Montreal, representing a company of stockholders and bondholders which will reorganize the corporation.

The steamers Calvin Austin, Governor Dingley, Governor Cobb and North Star, of the International Division (Boston-St. John) were among the vessels sold. The sale also included an interest in the Boston and Yarmouth Steamship Company amounting to \$325,000.

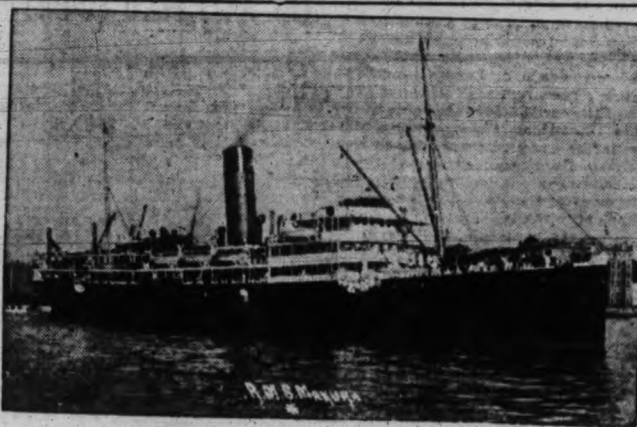
## EMBARK FOR MEXICO

W. C. Bond and party, of Victoria, who left here aboard the steamship President, en route to Mexico on a colonization expedition, sailed from San Francisco on Wednesday aboard the steamer San Jose for Zihuatanejo. Zihuatanejo is located 185 miles south of Manzanillo, and is at present a small hamlet known only to coasting vessels. It will shortly be recognized as a new port of commerce on the west coast.

The port is the centre of unusually rich agricultural land which is being colonized by a group of British Columbia capitalists, headed by W. C. Bond, who have extensive banana and oil seed properties.

It is planned to establish a steamship line to Zihuatanejo and San Francisco to provide quick transportation for the products raised in the colony.

## NEARING PORT FROM ANTIPODES



CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN LINER MAKURA

## BIG DIESEL LINER ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

Motorship George Washington Reaches Golden Gate in New Norwegian Service

Making the first port of call on this coast on her maiden voyage from Scandinavia, the 10,000-ton Norwegian motorship George Washington arrived at San Francisco yesterday. The George Washington is inaugurating the service organized by Fred Olsen, of Christiania, between Norway and the North Pacific by way of the Panama canal.

The service will be maintained by vessels equipped with internal combustion engines. Although a final decision has not been reached as to which ports will be included in the itinerary of the Washington and her sister vessels, it was reported some time ago that Fred Olsen proposed to extend the service to Puget Sound and British Columbia, but in the first place San Francisco was the only port selected. It is not improbable that the Washington will be ordered north from the Golden Gate.

The Washington was launched from the Copenhagen yards of Messrs. Burmeister & Wain on October 2. Two more motorships of the same cargo capacity are under construction for the Olsen interests at the Copenhagen plant. The George Washington is commanded by Captain Tholme, a Norwegian master mariner who has seen considerable service on the Pacific.

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str Admiral Farragut, San Francisco; str El Segundo, Richmond; str Governor, Tacoma; motor barge Wakana, British Columbia ports. Sailed: Str Hokkaido, Japan; Vladivostok; str Talthybius, Manila; Jan Comox, B. C., and Yokohama; str El Segundo, San Francisco; Jan Point Wells; str Santa Maria, Port San Luis; U. S. C. G. Unalga, Yakutat; str Wilmington, Tacoma; str Admiral Farragut, Tacoma.

San Pedro, Jan. 4.—With general cargo from Seattle, str Gray's Harbor, str Fairhaven arrived to-day and will proceed to San Francisco after discharging a partial cargo here. Steam schooners arriving to-day from northern ports with lumber were the San Jacinto and Doris, from Gray's Harbor; Bek, from Puget Sound; and Daisy Matthews, from Portland. Departures in ballast were the str Gray's Harbor, for Aberdeen; str Wapama, for Portland; str Lakme, for Casper, and the str Mandalay, for Crescent City. The str San Jacinto sailed for Ventura after discharging a partial cargo here. Passenger carriers arriving to-day were the str Yale, from San Francisco; str Beaver, from Portland; and the str President, from San Diego. The str President proceeded to San Francisco and Puget Sound with passengers and freight for the Pacific Steamship Company.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str Columbia, from Valparaiso; str Queen, from Seattle; motorship George Washington (Nor.), from Norfolk. Sailed: Str Wilamette, for Gray's Harbor; str Southern Pacific, for Astoria; str Admiral Schley, for Seattle. Portland, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str Washtenaw, str W. F. Herrin and str Atlas, from San Francisco; str Daisy Putnam, from Los Angeles. Bellingham, Jan. 4.—Sailed: Str. Wilbert L. Smith, for Callao via Port Townsend, towing.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str Lansing, from Port San Luis. Point Wells, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str. El Segundo, from Seattle. Tacoma, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str Wilmington, from Seattle; str Admiral Farragut, from Seattle. Aberdeen, Jan. 4.—Arrived: Str Coronado, from San Francisco.

## INABA MARU COMING

N. Y. K. Liner Has 13 Passengers and 480 Tons of Cargo for Victoria.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Inaba Maru, which sailed from Yokohama December 23, is scheduled to reach Victoria on Tuesday, January 9, according to word received by W. R. Dale, local agent for the Great Northern. The Inaba has 13 passengers and 480 tons of cargo for this port, and 168 tons for Vancouver, which will be discharged here. She has 124 passengers and approximately 5,000 tons of freight for Seattle.

## GOVERNOR TAKING LARGE LIST SOUTH

Over Sixty Passengers Will Board Steamship Here for California Ports.

There continues to be brisk travel between Puget Sound and British Columbia points and California and with the departure this afternoon of the Pacific Steamship Company's steamer Governor another large list of passengers will leave for the south. Many people from the prairies are traveling to California this season, there being an unusually large exodus from Calgary and points even as far east as Winnipeg, while a healthy percentage of British Columbians are also seeking warmer climates during the winter season.

Each week the local offices of the Pacific Steamship Company have numerous inquiries regarding the service and recently the number of bookings have shown a marked increase. Taken on an average the passenger business handled this year is better than the big season of the Panama-Pacific Exposition when all roads led to San Francisco.

The Governor will leave about 5 o'clock this afternoon with over 200 passengers for San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego. Over 60 will embark here including the following: Miss Janet Wark, James Lean, H. J. Nott and wife, Miss N. McNiffe, Master J. White, Miss F. White, Mrs. B. White, Wm. Davy, Harry Riley, Sidney Mason, S. B. Kennedy, E. J. Osborne, Miss J. McFarlane, Clara Saymanski, Mrs. J. P. Brownelle, Mrs. K. Hallam, Mrs. S. Abbott, Mrs. Mary Giles, Stanley Giles, Murdoch Dingwall and wife, J. Cookburn and wife, Miss Margaret Forsyth, Mrs. Wilson and two children, Master H. F. Brown, Miss Janet Dykes, Mary Dykes, Hattie Duffet, Miss Green, Miss Anna L. Irwin, W. T. Smith, Chas. Soley, Miss Mabel Myers, Mrs. Mabel Murphy and son, Mrs. G. McKnight, Percy Shackleton, Ambrose Hill, Mrs. Clara Armstrong, Mrs. Agret, C. N. Crofts and family, Alice Cretin, Famine Shackleton, P. Hanadik, M. Osborne, P. W. Crawford, H. C. Bell and son, E. J. Graham.

Passenger schedules for the vessels of the Pacific Steamship Company's fleet in the Alaska service have been issued to the company's agents. The new schedules are from January 1 to Aug. 31, 1917, and cover both southern and southwestern Alaska sailings. Sailings north under the new schedule will average nine each month. The first of the Alaska excursions will be the steamer Spokane sailing from Seattle, June 12.

## ADMIRAL WATSON IS ASHORE IN NORTH

Pacific Steamship Company's Boat Fast on Fish Bay Reef, Southwestern Alaska

Seattle, Jan. 5.—Losing her way in dense darkness, the steamship Admiral Watson, one of the crack northern passenger liners of the Pacific S. S. Company, struck on the Fish Bay Reef in Fidalgo Bay, Southwestern Alaska, early this morning while creeping into Fidalgo to load a shipment of ore.

The freighter Cordova, of the Alaska S. S. Company, steamed from Cordova this morning en route to the liner's assistance. News of the Watson's plight was received here at 10 o'clock this morning by Manager A. F. Haynes, of the Pacific S. S. Company, in a wireless message from Captain Edward Hickman, master of the stranded vessel.

The Watson is fast on the rocks, but apparently has suffered no serious damage.

## RETRIEVER NOW ON HOMEWARD PASSAGE

Ancient Barquentine, Once Scrapped But Re-commissioned, Crossing Pacific

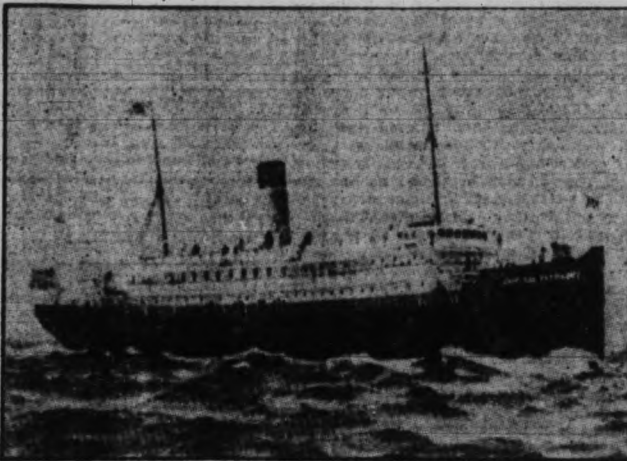
The old barquentine Retriever, one of the many vessels dug out of retirement to supply much needed tonnage, and which narrowly escaped disaster when she left this coast with lumber for Australia, is again beating her way across the lonely lanes of the Pacific, having put into Honolulu, the crossroads of the ocean, on Wednesday, bound for Gray's Harbor.

The Retriever left San Francisco last summer for Adelaide. The barquentine was pulled off the mud flats of Oakland Creek for the occasion, re-chauked and repaired. In the words of Capt. John Ross, her owner, the Retriever "was no spring chicken," being 28 years old. Captain Ross put \$25,000 into the barquentine, expecting to double his capital at the war time freight rates. He started for Australia, met with an accident outside the Golden Gate and was forced to put back with his ship in a leaky condition. The consensus of opinion was that he was extremely lucky to get back at all. The cargo was discharged, the vessel repaired, and she again set out for the Antipodes, making a slow but successful voyage. Capt. Ross made his expected profit. That the Retriever is no fast packet is indicated by the fact that she was 72 days making the run from Adelaide to Honolulu. She is under orders to sail for Gray's Harbor to load another lumber cargo for Australia.

## AMERICAN LINE STEAMERS.

A. E. Disney, North Pacific representative of the International Mercantile Marine line, advises that the American line steamer Kronland reached New York on Jan. 1 from Liverpool. The liner New York, from New York, arrived at Liverpool Dec. 31. The liner St. Louis, from Liverpool, reached New York Dec. 31.

## STRIKES ALASKAN REEF



STEAMER ADMIRAL WATSON

## Canadian Pacific Railway Company

### STEAMSHIP LINES

Skagway and way ports from Victoria, Jan. 12 and 26. Holberg and way ports, from Victoria, Jan. 20. Prince Rupert and Anxox (Granby Bay), from Vancouver, every Wednesday at 11 p.m. Ocean Falls and Swanson Bay, from Vancouver, every Thursday at 11 p.m.

### CHINA AND JAPAN

R.M.S. Empress of Russia, Jan. 25; Empress of Japan, Feb. 8; Mont-eagle, March 9; Empress of Asia, March 15. The Empress of Russia and Empress of Asia call at Manila.

### ST. JOHN, N. B., TO LIVERPOOL

Metagama, Jan. 27; Lake Manitoba, Feb. 2; Missanable, Feb. 17.

## Canadian Northern Railway



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## SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINES

## SHIFTING WIND KEPT SCHOONER OFF ROCKS

Adverse winds from the time she sailed from the Australian coast until she reached Cape Flattery was the cause of the unusually long passage of the American schooner Willis A. Holden, which arrived on Puget Sound yesterday, 107 days out from Port Pirie.

Throughout the entire trip the Holden was compelled to beat to windward. She fetched up off the entrance to the straits on Sunday night during a heavy gale in which she lost her foremast and narrowly escaped going ashore on the rocky coast of Vancouver Island. The wind shifting to the northwest enabled the vessel to get a good offing.

## TALTHYBIUS BUNKERING.

The Blue Funnel liner Talthybius, Capt. F. W. Cullum, reached Union Jan. 5 this morning from Seattle to load bunkers preparatory to clearing for the Far East via this port. About 50 Chinese have booked passage by the Talthybius from Victoria.

## CROWN OF LEON AWAY.

The British steamer Crown of Leon, Capt. Oliver, which was here last month discharging cargo for the Harrison Direct Line, is reported to have cleared from San Francisco on her homeward voyage.

## VALDEZ BRINGS ORE.

With 1,000 tons of ore for Barnet the American steamer Valdez passed up the Gulf yesterday from San Francisco. She is one of the vessels engaged in carrying coal from Nanaimo to the Golden Gate for the Western Fuel Company.

## LEAVING FOR ORIENT.

The British steamer Bessie Dollar and the Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru No. 8 are both posted to leave Vancouver this week with general cargo for Vladivostok.

## WAIHEMO PUTS TO SEA.

The New Zealand steamer Waiheimo, Capt. Barlow, which loaded paper at Powell River and later bunkered at Comox, has put to sea for New Zealand and Australia via San Francisco.

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## FAVORS CONTROL BY CITY MANAGER

Alderman Porter Announces  
Views at Civic Retrenchment Meeting

## ALDERMAN TODD AND DELINQUENCY

Association Denies Any Antagonism to Municipal Governing Body

Alderman Porter, majority candidate, came out in favor of a city board of managers, with a director in place of the present mayor and board of aldermen at a meeting called by the Civic Retrenchment Association, and held in the old Victoria theatre last evening. The reason has been to hear the majority candidates give an expression of opinion on a number of financial questions which had been submitted by the executive. A number of candidates, and most of the principal members of the association, occupied seats on the platform. Mayor Stewart was also present for some time. There was but a small attendance for a downtown meeting.

### The Questions.

1. In view of the fact that, according to the controller's statement, the city taxes are some \$235,000 in arrears, by what means do you propose to overcome this deficiency?
2. Will you advocate having a new assessment of the city made on a basis of population? Many of the important cities of the continent are so assessed, and it would appear to be a reasonable way. If not, what other basis would you suggest?
3. Would you advocate a city census being taken, so that an assessment upon the basis of population could be arrived at?
4. Will you advocate having balance sheets of the city's finances for the years 1912, '14, '15, '16 prepared by the auditor and controller, and published in the local press and submitted to

some recognized authorities on civic finances, in order to arrive at a solution of the difficult position of the taxpayers?

5. What method do you propose to advocate in dealing with delinquent taxes?
6. Will you advocate the question of revising the Municipal Act so as to rehabilitate the status of property owners in the protection they are entitled to?
7. What expenses were incurred by the city this year in connection with the Union of Municipalities?
8. If elected, will you advocate that no amendment affecting the city of Victoria be proposed to the legislative assembly by the Union of Municipalities, without the knowledge of the ratepayers?
9. If elected as mayor, will you pledge yourself to the strictest economy in municipal affairs, such as you would use in your own business?

President O'Reilly said in part, in explaining the objects of the association: "This association gets communications from all sorts of people, many of whom seem to think that we are a partisan organization. Now, first of all, I want to make it plain that we are not any thing of the kind, but are joined together for mutual protection as taxpayers, and to back up efforts in economy in civic management, and that this meeting to-night is not called in the interests of any candidate. This association is not putting up any candidate for mayor or aldermen, but we are here simply in the interests of the taxpayers of Victoria, and for the purpose of hearing the two candidates for election to the office of mayor explain their views on city affairs, and answer certain questions that have been furnished to them and published in the press, and in answering these questions, in case their answer is yes or no, I hope they will give their reasons for the reply."

"As to the work of the association, of course we cannot of ourselves effect economies and reforms in the city government, but we feel convinced that a great deal of credit is due to us for the way that taxation has been reduced annually in the last two years."

"We have been constantly hammering at the city council on all kinds of subjects, and in a great many instances with success."

"But here again comes one of the chief things I want to impress to-night, viz., that this association is not antagonistic to any one or any class of people, and will welcome you, taxpayers, one and all, to join us in our discussions. We are only working for what we think is the good of the city at large. We have been accused of meddling in minor matters, but there are so many small bones, and the old saying 'look after the pence and the

pounds will look after themselves' is a good one."

"About two years ago we were told by the city authorities that 'further economy was impossible in administering the city's affairs, yet in spite of that fact some half a million dollars was clipped off the estimates for the year 1915, and another one quarter of a million or over for 1916, and we decided a further reduction will be made this year; but this is not enough when we know that about 40 per cent. of the general taxes of 1916—getting on for one half—have not been paid to date, and the same was the case in 1914 and 1915."

"The result to date is, though we cannot get accurate figures, that the city is behind, including local improvement taxes, about two and a quarter million dollars, which will have to be found somewhere."

"We have been asked to suggest a remedy. Well, there are temporary remedies, such as borrowing, but the best remedy is to cut our coat to our cloth, and go in for retrenchment, and make our expenditures balance our receipts. Accurate accounts will not be forthcoming till the balance sheet is published at the city hall in February."

"Before calling on the speakers, I want to impress three things: First, the association as a body is not supporting any candidate, either for mayor or alderman, nor is it antagonistic to anyone. Second, no resolutions will be put on the meeting, which is simply called to hear the opinions of the speakers on business lines. Third, join the Civic Retrenchment Association if you want to help the city." (Applause.)

Alderman Porter expressed the hope that greater interest should be shown in the city government. He believed in a smaller body of citizens on the executive board, five in number, with a city manager as an organization which would give better results. This sentiment met with applause.

The alderman passed on to express an opinion on the work he had been associated with in the departments. In the engineering department, he was able to tell of a reduction in staff showing over \$100,000 cut in five years. (Applause.) Alderman Porter referred to the 'losing-up' or various by-laws, and the gradual improvement of the situation by the passage of partial assessment by-laws, enabling assessments to be made.

"The candidate alluded to the securing of easements for the telephone wires in downtown blocks, and the easements for sewers, in both of which he had been very active."

While he was not in favor of starting educational development, and believed in an adequate police department, yet it was necessary to explain that the council had no control over these expenditures.

The most important issue to come before the incoming council, or indeed any council, was that of local improvement assessment adjustment. In that connection he alluded to the problem presented by the endeavor to deal with the situation. Litigation had occurred to force the hand of the council, as for instance the 'Block W' lane question, which was still in the courts. Whatever re-adjustment occurred, he was opposed to placing the liability on small holders in the residential district. The expropriation problem, however, was a most difficult one, owing to the inequalities of expropriation awards. When that issue came it would be the duty of the ratepayers to see that their property was not burdened in the re-adjustment.

His Answers.

1. The matter was in the hands of the tax delinquency committee. Temporary he favored borrowing on the delinquent taxes.
2. He considered the question a reasonable one. He would welcome some other system to improve present conditions.
3. In the affirmative. Population and assessment should be placed on a ratio basis.
4. Yes. He approved publicity, and submission of the subject to a competent financial authority.
5. Answered by Nos. 1 and 2. He was against a tax sale in times like these.
6. He considered the question indefinite.

President O'Reilly said the law had been frequently amended to curtail the privileges of owners.

Continuing, Alderman Porter answered "Yes and no." He explained the difficulties with regard to assessment appeals, and the object of the proposed legislation to have the board of equalization sit to equalize the assessment after the civil courts had passed on the judgment of the civic court of revision.

7. \$173.50. The convention was attended by the mayor, Alderman Duff, the solicitor and controller.

8. Affirmatively. All bills were advertised. Attempts had been made by the Union of B. C. Municipalities to pass legislation which was detrimental to the city's interest.

9. "I will. I promise that. Economy without results, however, is not much good. Economy with results is excellent."

Alderman Porter then answered several questions, particularly from A. W. J. Tridgman.

Alderman Todd.

Alderman Todd again expressed his agreement with many of the remarks during the meeting. Taking up the remarks of Mr. Landsberg, he said that had the legal department cost \$60,000 instead of \$6,000 in 1910 it would have been better, if they had had \$60,000 worth of good law, which would have saved the city a great deal of subsequent trouble. He alluded to the committee upon which he had served, particularly the harbor and fire wardens' committee, and in the latter matter mentioned the attempt to reduce fire insurance premiums.

He then took up the questions of the association, answering as follows:

No. 1. This in his opinion was the most serious issue which would arise in the coming years. Every individual taxpayer had become responsible for

the city's debts, and each taxpayer had put his hand to and must honor the note. It applied to every debt, and even the sums obtained by the speculators in expropriation proceedings.

Since September 18 the city council had dealt with the subject, and the tax delinquency committee was the result, whose work would be resumed in the new year. The provincial inspector of municipalities would give them his assistance. Alderman Todd went on to deal with the question of assessments, as derived from experience on the municipal courts. It had been necessary, time after time, to order the confiscation of citizens' property. The candidate went on to mention the individual cases to which allusion has been made of chronic results of the situation. "Unfortunately it had been impossible to discriminate between the people who obtained compensation and those who did not. The figure mentioned in the total of delinquency represented both general and local improvement taxes, and he felt that the two classes of taxation would remain about even, with the probability of the local improvements winning out."

Two Methods.

There were two ways of dealing with this situation, first that of allowing the present position to run on, making conditions worse than before. By merely following the law, the process would be long drawn out and disastrous. The council felt that if any better scheme could be devised it should be adopted.

Second, the council could take the War Relief Act and complicate the whole situation very considerably.

No. 2. Affirmatively, but the locality and character of the citizens should be considered. Were the city located in an industrial centre in Pennsylvania, conditions would be different.

No. 3. If the second question was decided, then a census would be imperative.

No. 4. He agreed to have the balance sheet published, and with regard to the latter part of the question he would rather see it worded "to assist at saving."

No. 5. As No. 1—if the committee failed, application should be made to the provincial government for a board of experts. "Not but what they had too many experts now of a certain kind." (Laughter.)

No. 6. He absolutely agreed with the idea, as expanded by Mr. O'Reilly already.

No. 7. In many ways the union's operations had not been beneficial to the city, which had different needs and wants to the smaller communities. Since the city was the largest operating under the Municipal act, he believed it should act more individually.

No. 8. In the affirmative. Full publicity.

No. 9. Yes. That is the only thing that is to be done at this juncture, and had been the case in the past three years, for which the mayor and council were chiefly responsible. The council had been skating on thin ice for the past two and a half years, owing to financial problems and questions of unemployment. Success would only come through assistance by the ratepayers.

A number of questions were asked by the members of the association directed to secure an undertaking that council would withdraw participation from the Union of B. C. Municipalities.

Alderman Fullerton, chairman of the fire wardens' committee, took the opportunity to reply to some remarks with regard to the fire department. Since 1912 when new apparatus was added, there had been a gradual decrease in the cost of the department. He pointed to the efforts made to keep down expenditure, by effecting its own repairs. He also alluded to the extension of the high pressure system. The department would also save a considerable sum in the coming year.

Alderman Porter, who had been asked to become a member of the health committee, said that the city was fully justified in expecting recognition from the Fire Underwriters' Association. He pointed out that last year Victoria property owners paid \$256,000 in fire insurance premiums, while the total fire losses in the city for the year was only \$29,000. Alderman Bell from the body of the hall rose to say that the Victoria department was charged with \$40,000 a year for water, while not more than \$500 worth was used.

Other Speakers.

Before the aldermanic candidates addressed the meeting, several representatives of the association spoke to the gathering. William Jackson advocated the necessity of organization, when the city had reached the climax of its affairs.

F. Landsberg, who felt it necessary to explain that he was a Russian born, and produced his passport issued in May, 1880, declared that he had joined the association because it was necessary to conduct it as a business organization. He denied that the association had been created to be an antagonistic body to the council, and pointed out how the association had affected taxation reduction in recent years. He also declared that the organization was based on the interests of the working classes, or the officials at the city hall. Retrenchment had been shown in comparative cost of administration as between 1914 and 1916, in the police, education, the legal department, fire protection, votes for automobiles, supplies, etc. Mr. Landsberg claimed that the association was based on the scheme to reduce the cost of the city, and showed how the citizens helped themselves through participation with its association's work. The speaker passed on to quote the figures for 1911, the banner year of the city, to show that even now department costs were very large. He argued that the heavy charges justified the examination by the association. It was singular that while persons were interested in business investments, they took very little interest in civic management, though it affected them deeply.

Mr. Landsberg quoted some figures to show what the police and fire department cost per capita compared with large Canadian and American cities. Victoria on a basis of 40,000 was considerably higher than other cities. He figured the per capita cost here in the police department at \$2.11, and the fire department, including hydrant charges, at \$2.50 per capita.

## APPOINTMENTS WHICH ARE GAZETTED TO-DAY

Several of Them Have Already  
Been Announced in the Columns of Times

In the B. C. Gazette to-day appears the formal announcement of the appointment of the members of the Workmen's Compensation Board. The varying tenure of office has already been stated in these columns.

Eldon Sidney Hilliard Winn, barrister-at-law, Rossland, is appointed for a term of ten years and named as chairman of the board. Parker Williams, farmer, Ladysmith, is appointed for a term of nine years, and Hugh Bowie Gilmour, mechanical engineer, Vancouver, for a term of eight years. Any retiring commissioner is eligible for reappointment, and future appointments will be for ten years, the varying term applying only to the initial appointments.

Frank Burnett, junior, Vancouver, was yesterday afternoon appointed as assessor and collector for the Vancouver assessment district, in succession to W. L. Fagan, deceased.

The appointment of C. H. Beever-Potts, Nanaimo, as police magistrate for that city, has already been mentioned in this paper.

Henry Noble-Cousins, Revelstoke, has been appointed as a court of revision and appeal for the Revelstoke assessment district, in the place of Charles M. Field.

William Irving Briggs, of the same city, has been named as a coroner for the province.

Notaries public appointed are: John Mulgrew, North Burnaby; George A. Watson, Mission City; Charles Hill Jackson, Kelowna; Thomas Hodgson, Nanaimo.

Dr. John Noy, Trail, has been appointed as a deputy coroner of British Columbia, in the absence of the latter.

Captain W. E. Oliver, as has already been announced in the Times, is appointed a justice of the peace for the province, with the immediate object of being able to administer the oath to recruits, he being commanding officer of the 38th Victoria Fusiliers.

He came home late from the hall and entered a home smiling as only a home can smile after a heavy day's washing. The good woman had retired, so Tom sat down at his supper from the basin on the table, and retired also. "Did that find the supper to this liking, lad?" she asked sleepily. "Aye, I did an' all. I ate the lot. I liked the liquor very well, but had a rare job 'er the tripe." "Tripe," cried his mate, "tripe?" "Aye, tripe—in basin on table." "Well, well! If that's all what was in basin, that'll have to buy himself new collar and all, 'cos that's often collar and starch. This supper was on a plate in the oven."

## To the Electors of the City of Victoria

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

As I am a candidate for the office of Chief Magistrate of this City, I have, with place before you my views on some of the most important questions that have come before the Municipal Council. These are:—the main matters of pressing moment to the citizens, all involving financial considerations, with which I shall fully deal, but the health, the environment of the people, and the education of our children should receive first consideration. Without this our greatest asset our material resources would be of very little value, hence I do not hesitate to place the protection and development of our best asset first.

HEALTH

"We must have a clean City. With that end in view I favor the extension of the sewer system wherever necessary, the maintenance of our bathing beaches, and the strict surveillance over streets and over sections of the city where the health of the community is liable to become a menace to the health of the city. The appointment of a Health Officer on full time so that not only the high standard of efficiency in this department may be maintained, but that officers and institutions for the care of the sick and needy may be carefully and fully supervised."

PUBLIC MORALS

"I am heartily in accord with the strong sentiment favoring a clean moral city. The proper development of our children and the conservation of the best interests of our people demand the strict enforcement of law without discrimination. I shall, if elected, fearlessly and honestly observe my oath of office, enforce the laws enacted for the government of the city, and hold the officers of the law to a strict account for the full performance of their duty. With a view to giving the people more control over the Police Commissioners who are entrusted with law enforcement, I shall do my best to secure the power to elect them to their positions."

EDUCATION

"The education of our children shall have my hearty support. To maintain our schools to the proper standard of efficiency we must provide the needed equipment and the best possible teachers. The orphan and homeless children must have the same care and training as those in more favored circumstances."

FINANCES

"The administration of the civic finances will have my most careful consideration and attention. To maintain public confidence I shall make searching enquiry into every department of finance. If elected I shall immediately request the Council to give facilities for an independent audit of all our books and accounts. I favor a yearly audit of our affairs. The large undertakings and enormous expenditures of the past few years have increased the charges against our income to an alarming extent. Some of the ratepayers find it impossible to meet the taxes, particularly the frontage tax against their property. I assure the electors that I shall, with the assistance of other members of the Council and citizens, endeavor to find some way out of our taxation difficulties that shall be just to the taxpayers as a whole. Failing to find some scheme that shall equitably meet the difficulty I shall favor requesting the Provincial Government to appoint a commission of experts that shall make recommendations to our City and to other Municipalities similarly affected. The assessments in some parts of the City are to-day too high and inequitable. I favor a change in the system of assessing at comparative values of properties."

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

"The growth of our City depends not only upon its favored location and natural attractiveness, but also upon the aggressive development of the resources of Vancouver Island, the linking up of our system of railways within the City and with the Mainland, particularly by way of Seymour Narrows, and to the establishing of industries within or near our own limits. To that end I favor assisting the government in the early construction of the Johnson Street Bridge. Our contribution to the original cost and maintenance, together with style and plans of the bridge, must be made acceptable to our citizens. All parties to the undertaking failing to agree I favor referring the whole question to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada for their determination. The Rock Bay Bridge is before the electors for their judgment and mandate. I favor the original site opposite the Rock Bay Hotel. The bridge on this site will not only cost less, but it will be less expensive to maintain."

FIRE INSURANCE

"The high state of efficiency of our Fire Department, together with our excellent water works system should ensure us lower rates of Fire Insurance. I shall do my best with the local agents and their Insurance Companies to secure more favorable rates for our citizens."

PUBLIC WORKS

"On all public works that shall be undertaken this year, I favor day labor, giving our own citizens the full benefit of such work. I favor the use of good wages and salaries but must have adequate returns for the expenditures made. Efficiency should always be properly rewarded. With a view to the securing more efficient service in the various departments, I favor continuing the reorganization of the civic service."

WATER WORKS

"We have a very valuable asset in our Water Works System. I favor giving our citizens the very lowest rates possible to assist them in beautifying their grounds and in developing our local industries. I shall do my best to secure more customers and thus increase our revenue."

MY RECORD

"I point with a certain degree of pride to my five years of continuous service to the City. I assisted in many of our largest undertakings. The Sooka Lake Water Works, and the Paving System, both projected before my incumbency, I helped to bring to a successful conclusion. I have endeavored to deal honestly and fairly with all citizens and undertakings. It became necessary to reduce expenditure, but economy with a due regard to efficiency was always my guide. As during the past five years, the whole of my time and thoughts are at your disposal. Should you favor me with your votes and elect me as your mayor, I shall as in the past, conduct myself as a true citizen and with due regard to my office."

Anticipating your vote and influence, I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Yours truly,  
ROBERT J. PORTER

## For Alderman

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence at the forthcoming election.

GILBERT D. CHRISTIE  
Boot and Shoe Merchant.

## To the Electors City of Victoria

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having made my home in the City of Victoria and being a property holder, I feel that my large and varied business experience could be of service to the citizens of this my adopted city.

I am therefore offering myself as Alderman at the forthcoming civic election.

My policy is  
PROGRESS, THRIFT, EFFICIENCY  
Your vote will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

E. B. ANDROS  
644 Linden Ave., Jan. 4, 1917.

## FOR ALDERMAN

W. Luney, Sr., begs to announce that he is a candidate for Alderman at coming election.

## FOR ALDERMAN

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Alderman.

ROBT. DINSDALE.

## To the Electors of the City of Victoria

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I am a candidate for re-election as Alderman at the forthcoming election and respectfully solicit your votes and influence.

Sincerely yours,  
W. G. CAMERON  
162 McClure St.

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## A. E. TODD for Mayor

TO THE ELECTORS OF VICTORIA:

Being a candidate for Mayor, I wish to see some of the principal policies that I expect, I intend to support during 1917:

(1) Johnson street bridge, and, owing to railway's refusal to enter into agreement with city, elimination of E. & N. Ry. therefrom. All subject approval of citizens by referendum or by-law.

(2) Assist Provincial and Dominion governments in development Songhees reserve, ocean docks, and proper terminal facilities for rail and shipping.

(3) Strict economy in civic expenditure, though, owing to great increase in cost of living, some increase in pay must be given to some of civic employees.

(4) I favor a clean city, both morally and physically, with good schools and parks, clean streets, and strict enforcement of reasonable building and sanitary regulations.

(5) Election of police commissioners and license commissioners, and the combining of these two boards into one, to be known as "Board of Police Commissioners."

(6) On municipal works I favor day labor, wherever possible, and preference to our own citizens, and particularly believe that all city works should be so timed and apportioned as to keep continuously engaged, as nearly as possible, the same number of workmen.

(7) Relief from excessive taxation, both general and local improvement, if an equitable and financially sound plan can be devised. Subject approval of ratepayers by referendum or by-law.

(8) Advocate friendly relations and active co-operation with neighboring municipalities and entire Island, in advancing agricultural, manufacturing and other mutual interests, such as Esquimalt drydock, railway ferry connection via Fredrick Arm, parks, protection of beaches, etc.

(9) Taking of serious steps to attract new lines of manufacturers, and to develop existing industries.

(10) In connection with development of Songhees reserve, adequate park facilities for Victoria West.

I am a firm believer in the future of Victoria, and the prudent, courage and common sense now will pull through the present extremely difficult situation in a period shorter than we are possible.

In dealing municipal problems I believe frequent use should be made of the "Referendum."

I am strictly an independent candidate, in no way connected with any political party, clique or interest, and, if elected, will do my best to serve the ratepayers well in all things.

Yours respectfully,  
A. E. TODD

Committee Room, corner Broad Street and Truncheon Alley. Phone No. 1429.

## FOR ALDERMAN

J. IVAN SEABROOK

I want the trust of your vote and influence. I ask it knowing the responsibility at this time to our city.

To the Electors City of Victoria

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

Again I offer myself as a candidate for Alderman for the coming election, and respectfully desire your vote and influence.

DR. A. A. HUMBER,  
266 Pemberton Bldg.

## To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

Having served you as an Alderman for 1916, I have the ambition to aspire for the same honor in 1917.

Your vote and influence solicited towards my return.

WALTER WALKER

## CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH.

Ward Meetings Will Be Held as Under

Ward 1—Cedar Hill School, Friday, January 12.

Ward 2—Boleskine Road, Tuesday, January 9.

Ward 3—Gordon Head Hall, Monday, January 8.

Ward 4—Colquhoun Hall, Thursday, January 11.

Ward 5—Royal Oak Hall, Tuesday, January 2.

Ward 6—Temperance Hall, Thursday, January 4.

Ward 7—Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, January 10.

## Special Notice to Mail Subscribers of the Times.

As we, along with our contemporaries in the newspaper business all over the world, have had to contend with greatly increased costs, we are therefore reluctantly compelled to increase our rates for subscriptions from all out-of-town points. Our city subscribers have been paying 50c per month—\$6.00 per year—while our out-of-town readers have been charged only 25c per month—\$3.00 per year. We have decided that

## On and After Feb. 1, 1917

the rate by mail for the Daily Times to subscribers in Canada, Great Britain and possessions, will be

35c Per Month  
\$4 Per Year  
Three Months \$1

To points in the United States and possessions, Mexico, 50c per month.

## \$5.00 Per Year

### SPECIAL CONCESSION TO OLD SUBSCRIBERS

In order to give our old mail subscribers ample opportunity to renew at the present rate, we will accept

Renewal Subscriptions Until Feb. 1, 1917, at the Rate of \$3.00 Per Year

IMPORTANT—Be it understood we will not accept renewal subscriptions at the rate of \$3.00 per year covering a period farther than Jan. 1, 1918.

All subscriptions not renewed by Feb. 1, 1917, will be charged at 25c per month for period prior to Feb. 1, 1917, and 35c per month for period following.

## The Victoria Daily Times

Cor. Fort & Broad VICTORIA B. C.</











## CANADIAN NORTHERN PAYS UP ARREARS

Will Sign Agreement for Use  
of Westminster Bridge  
by Its Trains

### FIRM ACTION TAKEN BY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

Some Nine Thousand Dollars  
of Overdue Rentals Remitted  
to Treasury

One of the little side-issues in the Canadian Northern Pacific railway's dealings with the province is the use it makes of the Westminster bridge, a provincially-owned structure which spans the Fraser river between the Royal City and Port Mann; the railway occupies the south end of the bridge.

It is one of the terms of the agreement between the province and the company that the company shall be permitted, upon terms to be mutually agreed upon, to use the bridge for the operation of its railway, but the bridge is not to be considered as part of the guaranteed mileage of the railway.

For something over a year past the bridge has been in use by the company, at first for shunting, and latterly for the operation of the regular train service, passenger and freight, which runs from Vancouver to the bridge over the Great Northern tracks.

But, nothing was done in regard to signing the agreement, the company putting off this on one excuse and another, and the local government not pressing its Mackenzie-Mann friends for more than it did in any other matter.

When the new government came into office and Hon. John Oliver began to delve into the railway problems which called for solution he found this among many others. He also found that the company owed the province an aggregate of \$9,000 as its rental for the use of the bridge, and the two instalments due in January last and in July.

He took the matter up, at once, as well as other aspects of the railway situation, and with the same firmness which is marking his handling of the whole of the affairs of the assisted railways. He insisted that the arrears must be paid and that the agreement must be signed. There was no question of negotiation or palaver of any sort. The railway simply was not living up to its side of the bargain in this regard, showing the same disregard to its undertakings as in, for instance, the simultaneous construction of the Island section and the main line.

What Hon. Mr. Oliver did was to notify the company that it must pay up what it owed and sign an agreement covering the terms upon which the use of the bridge would be allowed, or the user would have to stop. Thirty days was given it in which to meet this demand, and the time expired last night.

Before the time was up the money was paid, and presumably the instalment due this month will be promptly remitted. Last night Sir William Mackenzie wired the minister of railways that the company was prepared to sign an agreement, as called for in its contract with the province.

Haynes Repairs Jewelry satisfactorily and reasonably.

## PREMIER LEAVES FOR OTTAWA CONFERENCE

Went Over to Mainland This  
Afternoon and Goes East  
To-night

Hon. H. C. Brewster, premier of the province, left this afternoon for Ottawa, to take part in the conference which is to be held there on Wednesday next in regard to the policy to be adopted in regard to the returned soldiers.

In addition to this the premier has several matters of provincial concern to take up. There is a matter of provincial subsidy which he intends to discuss. It is desirable that there should be some sort of reclamation scheme adopted in connection with the lands which the Dominion government owns on Sumas prairie, and the matter of the protection of the banks of the Fraser, especially in the neighborhood of Nicomen Island, is one which calls for early action.

There are some other departmental matters which the premier will take up with Sir Robert Borden and members of his cabinet while in Ottawa. Mr. Brewster will make a hurried trip, as it is necessary that he get back to work here just as quickly as possible.

During the absence of the premier Hon. John Oliver will be acting premier and president of the council.

### OBITUARY RECORD

Early this morning the little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Goggin died at their home, 1026 Southgate street, after a short illness with childish throat trouble. The little lad was just three on New Year's Day, and was a bright, lovable child. The deepest sympathy will be felt with Mr. and Mrs. Goggin in their loss. The funeral, which will be private, will take place at 11 o'clock tomorrow forenoon from the Sands funeral parlors to Ross Bay cemetery. Rev. H. S. Osborne will officiate.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon of Charles N. Woodcock, Ensign Merritt, of the Salvation Army, conducting the services. The remains were shipped to Seattle last night for cremation, and the ashes will afterwards be forwarded to California for interment.

Word was received yesterday by Mrs. Maynard, of 101 Michigan street, that her father, Henry Winter, had passed away at the family home, Chelsea, Mich., at the age of 62.

The funeral of George Alexander Wise, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wise, whose death occurred on January 3, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands funeral chapel, Rev. Dr. Maclean officiating.

Mrs. Maynard, of 101 Menzie street, wife of William Maynard, auctioneer, received word yesterday of the sudden death of her father, Henry Winter, of Chelsea, Michigan, at the age of 57.

### CONTROLS MAIZE TRADE.

London, Jan. 5.—Announcement was made to-day that the government had taken complete control of the maize trade, beginning to-day, on lines similar to its control of wheat.

### WILL NOT SIGN CARDS.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—The Montreal Trades and Labor Council last night decided not to sign the national service cards, and the action of the executive of the Trades Congress of Canada in recommending that trades unionists sign was denounced.

## LOCAL NEWS

F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government St.  
The store for reliable watch and jewelry repairs.

**A Real Health Producer.**—It is an old theory which still has many believers, that children should not be allowed to eat candy. Medical men say such a theory is all wrong. Children and adults should eat candy and lots of it. Nature demands a considerable amount of sugar, and pure candy, instead of being injurious or causing teeth-rot, as is often stated by parents is a real health producer. Special for Friday and Saturday, Mixed Butters, 20c. per lb., unequaled for flavor and quality. 14 gold and silver medals and numerous diplomas awarded to Wiper's for excellence and purity of their manufactures. Wiper & Co., 1210 Douglas St. and 607 Yates St.

**Normal School Opening.**—The Provincial Normal School will re-open on January 15. All applications for both preliminary and advanced courses should be made as soon as possible before that date.

**Oak Bay Council.**—The regular meeting of the Oak Bay council was held last evening at the municipal hall. Routine business was conducted and the bank by-law was passed its final reading.

**Saanich Municipal Election.**—It is announced to-day that F. V. Hobbs, a former councillor, will contest Ward III, Saanich next week. Councillor Somers is in the field for re-election, having already served two terms.

**City Basketball League.**—The first two games of the league will be played to-morrow evening at the Willows Camp. The game between the First Presbyterians and the Victoria High school starts at 7.30, and will be followed by a match between the Willows Camp and the Firemen at 8.30.

**Long Executive Session.**—There was a prolonged sitting of the provincial executive yesterday afternoon and last night, in prospect of the premier's absence for some days. A number of matters of importance were discussed and considerable advancement made towards settlement of these. One of the matters dealt with was that of the situation in South Vancouver, as disclosed by the deputations which waited upon the government this week. A number of matters of departmental routine were passed upon.

**Wins Automobile.**—R. Hudson, 540 Fullerton avenue, of the meter department, B. C. Electric Company, has won the Chevrolet car offered by O'Connell's, Ltd., Government street, to the person who guessed most correctly the number of beans in the bottle which was displayed for some time in one of their windows. There were 25,000 guesses in all, and five competitors made the correct answer: R. Jameson, of Jameson & Rolfe; Gordon Miller, of Short, Hill & Duncan; R. Hudson, as above; E. L. Crawford, Fairfield road, and Miss B. Crawford. Owing to there being five correct answers the five successful competitors had to be brought together to guess a second time, this time the winner being R. Hudson, who guessed the number of beans in the second bottle to be 197. The correct number was 187. Mr. Hudson will receive his car immediately.

### FOR PRISONERS-OF-WAR

Victoria and District Red Cross Appeals for More Generous Support.

The following contributions to the prisoners-of-war fund have been received by the Victoria City and District branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society from December 15 to 30:

Miss Ashton, Ganges, B. C.	\$15.00
Miss Taylor	5.00
Mrs. Jackson	4.00
Camberton School	17.75
Langford School	1.50
Mount Vesuvius School, Ganges	2.50
Oyster School, pupils and friends, per Miss F. E. Keeping	2.50
Mrs. Walker	4.00
Miss A. Russell	5.00
Mrs. Hove	4.00
Mrs. Story	4.00
Otranto Circle	4.00
Miss Norman A. Hall	4.00
James Bay Hotel, per Mrs. Halley	2.00
Metropolitan Epworth League	5.00
Miss Thompson	1.00
Mrs. McConnell	5.00
Mrs. R. W. MacIntyre	4.00
Mrs. M. Phillips, Parksville	10.00
Master Eric Allan	4.00
Camberton Public School, teachers and pupils	11.10
Kokallah Public School, per Miss Mona McDonald	19.43
Miss Thompson	1.00
James Bay Hotel Circle, per Mrs. Halley	2.00
South Saanich Women's Inst.	2.50
St. Margaret's School, per Miss Barton	32.00
Miss A. M. Russell	5.00
Staff of Prov. Library	4.00
Shawnigan Recreation Com.	5.00
Galliano Red Cross	20.00
Duncan School	2.00
Albion School	40.00
Comox, per Miss I. Thompson	5.00
Total	\$258.33

The urgency of the need for support has never been more apparent than now, as some of the few letters which reach friends of the British and Canadian prisoners-of-war indicate their desperate plight. As all money ultimately goes through Mrs. Rivers-Bulkeley and her prisoners-of-war department of the Red Cross Society, it is hoped that local contributors, for expediency's sake, will send their contributions through the Victoria branch.

Miss Betty Hume, of West Point Grey, Vancouver, is visiting Mrs. Lincoln Smith, at 432 Government street.

## TORNADO CLAIMS ELEVEN VICTIMS

Schoolhouse is Demolished,  
Number of Pupils Being  
Crushed to Death

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 5.—The second tornado to visit this section of the country within two weeks swept an intermittent path across Oklahoma and Arkansas yesterday, claiming a total of eleven lives, all school children, and so injuring many more that it was believed to-day that the death list would mount much higher.

All the loss of life and the bulk of the property damage was effected in the valley town of Vireton, Okla., 12 miles northeast of McAlester. Preparations were being made for the noon dismissal at the country school there when the tornado entered the valley and swooped down on the village. The schoolhouse was dashed off its foundation and children and timbers were hurled through the air by the fury of the blast. Bodies were picked up a hundred yards from the schoolhouse, and being blown across a ravine and well up on the opposite hillside. The dead scholars ranged from 6 to 18 years old. Four are believed to be so badly injured that their death is momentarily expected.

The Choctaw Indian mission at Vireton was destroyed. Echville and Quilton, Okla., the latter 20 miles northeast of Vireton, also suffered from the tornado.

What is believed to be the same tornado caused damage estimated at \$50,000 at Success, 40 miles north of Little Rock, Ark., and caused severe loss of property at both Dardanelle and Danville, Ark.

## APPROVES WILSON'S REQUEST FOR TERMS

Resolution Adopted by Senate  
Does Not Endorse Note  
Itself

Washington, Jan. 5.—Senator Jones's substitute for the Hitchcock resolution endorsing President Wilson's peace note, which approves the request for peace terms without endorsing the note itself, was passed late to-day by the senate. Senator Hitchcock had previously agreed to the substitution.

Speaking in the Senate earlier in the day in support of the Hitchcock resolution, Senator Lewis declared the European war could not continue without the United States becoming involved in it. Senator Lewis declared that the temper of the American people would brook no apology or excuse for further destruction of American life, but "would resent and punish to the full extent of America's power."

## DENIES NEW NOTE IS BEING PREPARED

State Department at Washington Issues Statement After Cabinet Meeting

Washington, Jan. 5.—The state department late to-day authorized the statement that President Wilson was not contemplating sending another peace note.

Following the cabinet meeting Secretary Lansing announced that President Wilson had authorized him to say the American government had no other note in contemplation, and that such information was being sent to all American diplomatic representatives abroad. Secretary Lansing would not discuss the question further, but it was understood that the reason for the announcement was apprehension on the part of the administration that reports that another note would be sent would affect the entente reply to the president. The first note is expected here in the near future. Counselor Polk gave out the following:

"The report that the president is preparing to send a new note to the belligerent powers is false and without any foundation. The president has no second note in contemplation."

## COURTS TO DECIDE WINNIPEG MAYORALTY

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—The courts are to decide who is to be mayor of Winnipeg for 1917. This afternoon, following the result of the re-count which declared Ald. F. H. Davidson leader in the majority contest by 20 votes, Mayor D. J. Dyson filed a formal protest with the city clerk on the grounds of general irregularities.

## WILL NOT COMPLY WITH ALLIES' DEMANDS

London, Jan. 5.—The Greek government, acting in harmony with the king, has decided to reject certain clauses of the entente note demanding reparations in consequence of the recent fighting at Athens. Reuter's correspondent at Athens telegraphs.

## HAS CONFIDENCE IN SUBMARINES

German Critic Says Commercial Shipping of Allies Will Be Decreased

London, Jan. 5.—Confidence in the effect of Germany's submarine campaign is expressed by Captain Persius, the German naval critic, in his review of the naval war in the Berlin Tageblatt, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam. Captain Persius says: "We firmly believe that the commercial shipping of our enemies will become still less active in 1917. This will be accomplished by our daily growing submarine weapon. Our confidence for the new year is based on the expectation that our submarines will continue with growing success the process of wearing away the economic life of our enemies."

## WILSON'S SECRETARY WILL GIVE EVIDENCE

To Appear Before Committee  
Investigating Charges  
of "Leak"

Washington, Jan. 5.—Smoldering rumors that somebody made money in the stock market with "leak" information about the sending of President Wilson's peace note, blazed up to-day at a notable session of the House rules committee at its first hearing on Representative Wood's resolution for investigation.

Specifically declaring he made charges against no one and was presenting only information that had come to him, Representative Wood brought in the names of Secretary Tumulty, "Mr. Bolling," a brother of President Wilson's wife, whom he did not further identify; Bernard Baruch, a New York stock operator; Otto H. Kahn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Thompson and McKinnon and Lamson Bros. & Co., Chicago brokers; E. F. Hutton & Co., New York brokers, and F. A. Connolly & Co., a local brokerage house in which he said the "Mr. Bolling" he referred to was a partner.

Much of his information, Representative Wood said, came in a letter from A. Curtis, an independent New York stock operator. He disclaimed intending to give the impression that he believed that Mr. Tumulty or anyone else for that matter, profited by the so-called leak; that he was merely stating what had come to him; that he realized the danger of making such statements in public and for that reason he had preferred to make his statement in secret session, which the committee denied.

At the conclusion of to-day's session, Chairman Henry announced that Secretary Tumulty would appear without subpoena and that subpoenas had been ordered for Curtis and Baruch. Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, who has joined in Wood's agitation for investigation, will be heard to-morrow, and Thomas W. Lawson will be heard Monday.

## NEW YORK CURB PRICES.

(By Wise & Co.)

Aris. Copperfields	11 1/2
Can. Copper	11 1/2
Crown Reserve	6 1/2
Kerr Lake	10 1/2
Goldfield	7 1/2
Hedley Gold	30 1/2
Hollinger	40 1/2
Howe Sound	31 1/2
Kerr Lake	31 1/2
Emma Copper	2 1/2
Green Monster	24 1/2
Jerome Verde	13 1/2
Big Lodge	4 1/2
Inspiration Needles	5 1/2
La Rose	29 1/2
Magma	61 1/2
Midvale	61 1/2
Mines of Ama.	11 1/2
Nipissing	30 1/2
Stewart Lead	1 1/2
Submarine	25 1/2
Success	42 1/2
Tonapah	50 1/2
Tonapah Belm.	44 1/2
Tukon	3 1/2
United Verde Ext.	39 1/2
Consol. Extens.	4 1/2
Mason Valley	54 1/2

## WILL BE REMOVED.

Washington, Jan. 5.—American Minister Vopelka will be taken away from Bucharest, as the German government asks, although he will still be the accredited American minister to Roumania, Serbia and Bulgaria. The German government has cited incidents in which it alleges he was unneutral toward the central powers and favored Roumania.

## THREE STEAMERS SUNK.

London, Jan. 5.—Lloyds agency announces the sinking of the Spanish steamer San Leandro, of 1,616 tons, and the Greek steamers Dimitrios Gouladria, 3,741 tons, and Aristotile Glounu.

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

### MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Brothers Limited.)  
Montreal, Jan. 5.—Closing prices in to-day's local market were slightly below yesterday's finals, although the market sold off during the day, owing to the weakness in New York and the less favorable view taken of the European political situation. The rally near the close brought most issues up to near the best of the day. There is a tendency toward less activity in Canadian shares and a greater amount of trading for a more definite trend in the larger markets before taking a decided position on either side of the market. There was no news to explain the weakness in Canadian Pacific.

	High.	Low.	Close.
Ames Telephone	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Bel. Telephone	146 B	146 B	146 B
Br. Canadian Trac.	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
B. C. Fish	60 A	60 A	60 A
C. P. R.	155 B	155 B	155 B
Can. Cement, com.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Can. Locomotive	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Can. Car Bdy. com.	43 B	43 B	43 B
Do. pref.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Can. S. S. com.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Do. pref.	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Can. Locomotive	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Can. Gen. Elec.	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Civ. Ind. & Ind.	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
Cons. M. & S.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Detroit United	125 B	125 B	125 B
Dom. Bridge	194 1/2	194 1/2	194 1/2
Dom. I. & S.	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Dom. Textile	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2
Lake of Woods Milling	130 A	130 A	130 A
Laurentide Co.	191 B	191 B	191 B
Laurentide Power	60 A	60 A	60 A
Loyal Const. Co.	109 B	109 B	109 B
Maple Leaf Mig.	120 A	120 A	120 A
Montreal Tram.	40 B	40 B	40 B
Riondon Paper	120 A	120 A	120 A
Shawinigan	120 A	120 A	120 A
Spanish River Pulp	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Do. pref.	50 B	50 B	50 B
Do. pref.	50 B	50 B	50 B
Steel of Can.	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
Do. pref.	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Toronto Railway	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Twinn City Elec.	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Winnipeg Elec.	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Waynagam Pulp	97 B	97 B	97 B
Dom. War Loan (old)	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Royal Bank	213 1/2	213 1/2	213 1/2
Bank of Montreal	232 1/2	232 1/2	232 1/2
Forge	202 B	202 B	202 B
Brompton	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2

### SHARP BREAK IN WHEAT AT CHICAGO

(By Wise & Co.)  
Chicago, Jan. 5.—The bears had their own way in to-day's trading and all options had a sharp break. Arrivals in Liverpool were moderate and millers appeared to be well supplied with Manitoba. Corn was firm with good demand, spot, 24, higher. Oats firm. The political situation is being used to depress prices and will continue to govern the market for some time. Dec. wheat closed about 1/2¢ lower of 25¢. July 15¢. September 25¢ per bushel. There was no export business to-day.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	154 1/2	154 1/2	154 1/2	154 1/2
July	150 1/2	150 1/2	150 1/2	150 1/2
Sept.	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2
Dec.	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2
May	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
July	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Sept.	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Dec.	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
May	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
July	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Sept.	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Dec.	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2

### NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

War Loan (old) .....	214	214	214	Gen. Motors .....	144	142	138
Bank of Montreal .....	214	214	214	Goodrich .....	58	57 1/2	57 1/2
Bank of Montreal .....	214	214	214	G. N., pref. ex div. 11 p.c. ....	110	114	116 1/2
Bank of Montreal .....	214	214	214	Ind. Alcohol .....	139	144	146 1/2
Bank of Montreal .....	214	214	214	Inspiration .....	58 1/2	58	57
Bank of Montreal .....	214	214	214	Inter. Nickel .....	42	41 1/2	41 1/2
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## COUNCIL OF BOARD DOES MUCH BUSINESS

### Report of Harbors and Navigation Committee Ready for Presentation

A full attendance of members of the council of the Victoria Board of Trade was presided over by Mr. C. H. Lugin this morning.

The question of roads was introduced on the reading of a letter from an interior board of trade, when it was decided to endorse the general principle of motor roads wherever practicable.

The Esquimalt graving dock committee presented a copy of a resolution which has already appeared in the press, and in view of the fact that the Victoria board is working along the same lines, it was decided to bring the whole matter before a full meeting of the board on Friday next. A memorial in connection with this matter was presented to Sir Robert Borden on the occasion of his recent visit to the city.

Ontario asked Victoria's board endorsement of the general principle of day-light saving. The board had already gone on record in its favor and had asked the last session of the provincial legislature to make it effective as quickly as possible.

The committee on harbors and navigation presented the following report, a copy of which will be submitted to the provincial government by a committee on a date to be arranged:

"Your committee on harbors and navigation, considering it desirable that a statement in writing should be presented to the provincial government indicating the views of this Board of Trade in respect to the development of the former Indian reserve, beg to submit the following:

"It is essential that no time should be lost in providing communication between the city and the reserve; therefore the immediate construction of the proposed Johnson street bridge can not be used too strongly.

"During the period of construction of this bridge the new main road to Esquimalt should be carried to completion; and

"The car ferry slip built, and a waterfront common user trackage laid to connect with the Island railway systems, the vehicular road forming a part of this scheme, and

"The preparation for occupation of the industrial sites to be proceeded with as soon as possible.

"Attention should be directed to the wish of this Board of Trade that in carrying out any development works on the former Indian reserve nothing shall be done which will interfere with the proposed construction at a later date of suitable bridge connection between Songhee Point and Laurel Point in order to bring this industrial centre into closer proximity to the ocean docks.

"The main feature of these recommendations be overlooked, we would impress upon the government that the utilization of any of these development works is practically dependent upon the Johnson street bridge connection between the city and the reserve.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"F. A. PAULINE,  
Chairman."

The committee of the Board of Trade presented to Sir Robert Borden a memorial under the heads of dry dock, establishment of iron and steel works, metalliferous mines, labor contracts, shipbuilding and the defence of the Pacific ocean. Sir Robert has stated that he will place the several matters in the proper channels on receipt of the same in an amplified form, which matter will be attended to.

The following resolution was spread on the minutes of the board with regard to the National Service cards now in circulation: "That this council learns with satisfaction that the National Service cards are being completed and returned in large numbers and would urge that it is the duty of everyone to comply promptly with the government's request and so make the response from British Columbia practically unanimous."

The meeting then adjourned.

### PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE

Long List of Contributors to Children's Christmas Enjoyment Thanked.

The ladies' committee of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday at the Home, Mrs. McTavish presiding. The house committee, Messdames C. F. Todd and Wm. Munie, presented an interesting report, thanking the many contributors who had assisted the Home during the past year, and also those who had helped to make the children happy with outings and entertainments. Special mention was made of the work done by Miss Hanna, the children's teacher, and thanks expressed to Mrs. Barnard who had sent tickets for the youngsters to attend a performance of "Puss in Boots."

The Christmas tree was the gift of P. White, a generous supply of toys being sent by Wm. Spencer, and the children's musical programme arranged by Mr. Pollard. Those who were thanked for supplying the Christmas dinner at the Home were Messrs. Royden and Arthur Morris and Mrs. William Todd. Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Wm. C. Todd, Mrs. White, Mrs. Dwyer and W. Spencer, and all donors at the Christmas season. Bills amounting to \$27 were passed.

The following is the donation list for the last month:

Cash—Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, \$5; Miss S. Finlayson, \$10; Mrs. Neame, \$2.50; Mrs. A. T. Goward, \$10; The City, \$25; Miss Laura Audlin, \$5; F. R. Stewart Co. employees, \$25; Mr. Gonnason, \$5; Mrs. Burt, \$2.50; Mrs. Gell, \$10; Mrs. J. H. Todd, \$5; Mrs. Wm. C. Todd, \$25; Mrs. J. W. Spencer, \$10; Mrs. Lovell, \$10; pupils of Quadra street school, \$2.25; Mrs. James Dunsmuir, \$100; Municipal Chapter, I. O.

D. E. \$5; Mrs. Bradshaw, \$2; Mr. Pitt-herbert Bullen, \$15; Mrs. Beasley, \$5; Mrs. Carle, \$5; Mrs. Shotbolt, \$5; Marion Cameron, \$5; Anonymous, \$20; Mrs. Bolton, \$5; Miss Gilbert, \$5.

Other donors in kind were: Miss Mary Spencer, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Burt, Mrs. Peters, Mr. Landsberg, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. W. S. Dewry, Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, Mrs. McTavish, Mr. Alex. Jack, Mrs. Munie, St. Christopher's school, Mrs. P. S. Barnard, Mrs. Loewen, Mrs. Prior, Mr. P. Slade, Mr. Mara, Mr. F. R. Stewart, Mr. Borden, Miss L. Audlin, Dr. and Mrs. More, Mrs. Teusz, Mrs. Scowcroft, Mrs. Wymer, Mr. Green, Mrs. McCulloch, Miss Kitty Campbell, Mrs. Ohlson, Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Pawson, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Norman Lee, Alderman Porter, Mrs. Andrews, Tighe & Wheeler, Mrs. Gonnason, Miss N. K. Wyse, Mrs. Burt, Miss Munie, Mrs. Burton, cracker, Mrs. Hemmeling, Mrs. C. F. Todd, Ah Wong, Ministering Circle, King's Daughters, Mrs. and Miss McCulloch, Mr. King, Mrs. Huckel, Mr. Leedingham, Hollywood Sunday school, Mrs. Jack Risher, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stewart, Marshall George, the B. Wilson Co., Ltd.; Mr. James Dunsmuir, Liberal Association, Retail Merchants' Association, "Claverdale," Mrs. Bridgeman, Mrs. Cameron, Mr. Jas. Simpson, Chapters of the I. O. D. E. Mrs. Haig and Ladies of the Orange Benevolent Association.

## CITY REPRESENTED AT PORTLAND MEETING

### Three Victorians Attending Conference of Pacific Northwest Association

Commissioner Herbert Cuthbert, of the Industrial and Publicity Bureau, is leaving by the 4.30 boat this afternoon for Portland, to attend a meeting of the directors of the Pacific Northwest Association. He will speak to-morrow evening on behalf of the association at a gathering which is to meet at the Multnomah hotel, Portland. This meeting is to be in connection with the irrigation congress which has been in session for the last three days at Portland, and will conclude their sessions. It is expected that forty-four members of the legislature will be present at the proceedings, and to Commissioner Cuthbert will fall the duty of explaining to the gathering the objects and aims of the Pacific Northwest Association and of pointing out the splendid natural attractions and means of travel which there are in British Columbia and the two most northern of the Pacific coast states to capture the tourist business.

Two directors of the association, J. Kingham and J. L. Beckwith, are also expected to leave this afternoon to attend the meeting to-morrow.

The work that has culminated in the linking up of Victoria with the large cities of the Pacific Northwest is already beginning to be apparent, said Mr. Cuthbert this morning. This was illustrated by a letter received yesterday from Mark Woodruff, secretary in charge of publicity and conventions of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, addressed to Commissioner Cuthbert in his capacity as secretary of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association. The letter in part is as follows:

"The National Education Association has awarded the 1917 convention to Portland, and this is advise that the dates of July 7th to 14th inclusive have been selected. Railroad rates have not yet been established by the Passenger Association, but I am informed that a meeting will be held in Chicago on the 5th of January to settle that detail, and you will undoubtedly catch the item in the newspapers.

"The convention was secured by Portland through the co-operation of the educators of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, and was the result of a strong desire on the part of delegates to former conventions to visit the Northwest. This desire has been expressed by a large number of prominent people in this association, therefore, Portland is not going to make any endeavor to keep the delegates here to the exclusion of visits to other interesting sections of the Northwest, and we should be very glad indeed if your association could see its way clear to issue a folder and circulate the teachers of the country to show the advantage of a vacation season in this section of the world.

"We want them to attend the convention, and either coming to or departing from the convention hope they will visit every section of the three states. Our printed matter will follow these suggested lines. We are expecting 30,000 delegates."

Commissioner Cuthbert pointed out the significance of this. In every large convention that came to the Pacific Northwest, Victoria would have a part. The ready money that would come to Victoria through the floating population, from the 15th of this month until the end of the year, would probably exceed the revenue derived from all other sources, he maintained, such was going to be the immense volume of traffic for 1917. For the past month of December the travel from the Canadian Northwest had been abnormally large, but this was not to be compared with what was booked for the next two months.

Commissioner Cuthbert has accepted an invitation to speak at the Rotary Club, Seattle, next Wednesday, when his subject will be "The Pacific Northwest; the International Playground, Where Nature Smiles the Year Round."

Dear little Willie was only recently married, and for the last fortnight he had been nearly as happy as a child, which a man wears on only two occasions—when he is first married and when the first baby arrives. That smile, which suggests a codfish in paradise, is extremely annoying to the onlooker. Therefore, Willie's friends were relieved to see him appear one morning looking very grim.

"Hallo, Willie! What's the matter?" they cried in chorus. "Oh, don't chaff, boys—don't chaff. Marriage isn't what I thought it was. My wife can't sing. 'Can't sing? Why, you ought to be thankful for that.' 'Yes, I dare say. And I might be only, you see, she doesn't know it.'"

## VICTORIAN AVIATOR'S ACCIDENTAL DEATH

### Flight-Lieut. W. Fatt Loses His Life on Aviation Trial Grounds

The sad news reached here by cablegram yesterday that Flight-Lieut. William M. Fatt, son of Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Fatt, of 344 Simcoe street, had been killed during an experimental flight at Cranlington, near Newcastle, where he had been stationed for some time.

The young aviator, who was only twenty-four years of age, was born in Exeter, Ontario, lived for about six years in California with his parents, but came to Victoria some seven years ago when his people removed here. He was well known in the city, having a wide circle of friends who will be much grieved to hear of his death.

For three years prior to the outbreak of the war Lieut. Fatt served with the 5th Canadian Garrison Artillery under Major-General (then Lieut.-Colonel) Curran, when the Canadian Highlanders' regiment was organized. He was sergeant in charge of the signalling corps, and very soon after war was declared and the mobilization of the Canadian forces began he was given a commission with that regiment and left in the autumn of 1914 with the Cyclist corps of the second contingent. He was stationed in Toronto for the whole of the ensuing winter, undergoing training.

He was a year in France subsequently with the 2nd Division Cyclist corps, returning to England at the end of that time he trained with the flying corps, never, however, leaving the Canadian service. He practically completed the course when the accident which brought about his death happened.

Besides his parents there are living in Victoria two younger brothers, one of whom, Norman, is in the King's printing office, Parliament buildings, the other being at school. A third brother is serving with the colors, having gone from here last May with the 62nd Battery of the 15th Brigade, under Colonel Ogilvie.

Lieut. Fatt was employed in the printing department at the government buildings up to the time of leaving Victoria, and previous to that had been with the Colonial Printing and Publishing company. His wife and two children were with him for the week previous to the accident, having only recently gone overseas to join him.

## CARIBOO OFFICER IS HOME ON LEAVE

### Lt. Cochrane Seriously Wounded but Anxious to Go Back

Lieut. G. Cochrane, who before the war was peacefully following his ranching occupation on his place near Seventy-Mile House on the Cariboo road, is back again with a bullet wound in the jaw and a shrapnel wound in the right arm. It was in the fighting which occurred on the Somme front near Courcellette that Lieut. Cochrane received his hurts. He will report in the usual way at Work Point before proceeding to the interior, where he will spend his well-earned leave.

Lieut. Cochrane left British Columbia with the 4th Battalion under Col. Winiby, of this city. Typical of the spirit shown by the men from British Columbia, he found on reaching England that it was impossible to go to France with the rank he then held, that of company sergeant-major. He therefore immediately re-enlisted as a private and was transferred to the 7th Battalion, and in company with many of the notable fights which go to the splendid record of the 7th. He subsequently took out a commission in this regiment. Despite the serious nature of his wounds Lieut. Cochrane is eagerly looking forward to the day when he can again take his place on the fighting front of France, although he has great hopes that the arduous line of trench work will be by that time much nearer German soil than they are to-day.

### NO GROUND FOR FEAR

American Business Man From India Speaks of Loyalty to British Rule.

Many wounded have arrived from Mesopotamia for treatment in the hospitals of Bombay and Karachi, according to W. T. Conley, who arrived on the Sado Maru yesterday morning from the Orient.

Mr. Conley has been in India since 1909, and although an American, he desires to state emphatically there is no justification for the suspicious prevailing in the Far East that the British rule in India is weakening; in fact in his opinion it is stronger than ever. That opinion has been zealously spread in the Orient without any proof.

He says that constant reinforcements are going forward to the campaign in the valley of the Euphrates. There has been a material improvement in the conduct of the campaign since the reverse suffered at the loss of Kut-El-Amara, and the medical service particularly has improved. British officers who are recruiting among the natives in India find a general response, particularly among the warlike races, and the Mesopotamian campaign is going on better than at the outset.

Mr. Conley particularly desires to

go on record against the weakening of the imperial tie, declaring there is no reason for alarm. Considering the extent of the country, the outbreaks of a disturbed populace have been limited, and have been kept well in hand. Indian textile industries, he states, have suffered very seriously from the shortage of dye stuffs, for the stocks of vegetable dyes have been difficult to secure to replace aniline dyes, formerly imported from Germany. The cultivation of nature's dyes had been neglected, and Indian firms, like those elsewhere, were caught in the shortage.

### PTE. CARTER WOUNDED

Soldier Previously Reported Missing Now Known to Be Injured.

Mrs. W. Harper, of 2917 Quadra street, has been officially notified that her son, Pte. W. J. Carter, reported missing, is now officially reported wounded. Pte. Carter was previously wounded, being buried by shell explosion for seven hours before he was discovered and taken back to hospital for treatment, his back being badly injured at that time. He had only been at the front again four days, having returned to the trenches on December 14. He was wounded the second time on December 18.

### DISPATCHES MENTION

## MAJOR W. W. FOSTER

### In List of Names Given in Connection With Somme Fighting

In the list of 2nd C. M. R. officers mentioned in dispatches to-day in connection with the fighting on the Somme is the name of Major W. W. Foster, who has been in command of No. 3 company of his unit for some time past.

Major Foster was gassed on September 17, while engaged in operations at the front. At that time he was sent back of the line for twelve days in the hope that the rest would remove the ill effect.

Lieut. He returned again to the fighting line as soon as he was able, but about the middle of December, owing to the continued bad effects of the gassing, was sent to England for treatment. Mrs. Foster, who lives on Belmont avenue, has heard nothing further as to his progress since his letter apprising her that he was leaving France.



SGT. MAJ. C. F. DAWSON, D. C. M. Of Victoria, who in recognition of bravery and self-sacrifice, which he displayed during the fighting at Zillebeke last June, when after being three times wounded, he carried a disabled comrade into the safety zone, is gazetted in the latest list for the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

## SAANICH HONOR ROLL WILL BE UNVEILED

### Patriotic Meeting at Royal Oak To-night in Aid of Fund

Responding to a request, the Saanich council has organized a patriotic gathering at the Royal Oak hall this evening, which will be in charge of the Victoria Patriotic Aid Society.

Miss Kathleen Oldfield has been invited to unveil the honor roll of the men from the municipality who have enlisted, about 400 being on the temporary list. Reeve McGregor and other members of the council will speak with regard to national service.

Other speakers, apart from the members, F. A. Pauline, M.P.P. who has accepted an invitation to attend, will include Sergt.-Major Manning.

It is particularly desired by the society that the various organizations shall respond to the appeal recently issued for increased funds, since the large number of enlistments from Saanich have naturally put a heavy claim on the resources.

City Police Court—Two Chinese were brought before Magistrate Jay this morning for an infraction of the Half-Holiday act and in both cases, Mr. Fell, who appeared for the defendants, followed the same line of argument as that advanced by Mr. Higgins yesterday. A constable had gone into both stores and priced some clothing with no intent to buy and was on that account not a customer. Both cases were dismissed by the magistrate.

## ASSOCIATED BOARD HAS LOCAL CENTRE

### Next Examination for R. A. M. and R. C. M. Will Be in April

A few years ago at the request of many musicians throughout Canada, the associated board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, of London, instituted centres of music in Halifax to Victoria, where the examinations could be held, so affording teachers and pupils the same opportunities as their confreres in the Old Land.

With this object in view the board holds three examinations every year in Victoria; two examinations in theory—one in April and the other in November—are held by permission of the school board in the High school, and one examination in practical subjects—piano, singing, violin and other instrumental subjects—are held in June every year.

The board is composed of the leading men in the musical world in England, among whom are Sir Alex. Mackenzie and Sir Hubert Parry; the examiners include among their number such well known men as Oscar Herringer, Eaton Fleming, Plunkett Greene, Sir Walter Parratt, Sir Charles Stanford. The examiners for Canada last year included Prof. Guitay, Clifford Lloyd and Mr. Arthur Hinton.

One exhibition, entitling the holder to free musical tuition at the Royal Academy or the Royal College, London, for not less than two years will be offered in Canada in 1917, besides a gold medal and a silver medal for honor marks.

The following pupils were successful in passing the written examinations in theory and grammar of music, held in November last at the High school:

Local centre rudiments—Charles E. V. Cameron, (who also passed in solo singing last summer); Vivian F. Mossey and Hachemson Mandokoro.

Grammar of music, div. 3—Anna Wilna Luxton, Eleanor Luxton and Marjory Mitchell.

Grammar of music, div. 1—Nelle Dundas, Gladys Garesche, Rachel McLaughlin and Kathleen Whittome.

The next examination will take place Saturday, April 23. Intending candidates should apply to Francis F. Fatt, honorary local representative, 601 Truich street, Victoria.

## SAANICH ELECTION Steps Will Be Taken to Organize Campaign at Downtown Office.

The next meeting in the Saanich election will take place Monday evening, when the gathering is set for Gordon Head. Much greater interest will attach to the meeting of the Central Ratepayers' Association on that date, when, after nominations are in, the association will be in a position to endorse candidates or otherwise. There is a considerable divergence of opinion on the subject of the nominees for reeve among the members of the association, some of whom have expressed themselves emphatically on the subject. Judging from last evening's experience at Saanichton, the whole contest is likely to be interesting.

It is understood, owing to the absolute necessity of getting the non-resident voters to the poll, many of whom reside in the city, that an office will be opened downtown for the information of voters. An announcement on the matter may be expected shortly.

### MILITARY ITEMS.

Col. Duff Stuart, officer commanding district No. 11, has not yet fully recovered from a severe cold contracted during his stay in Vancouver over the holidays, and when seen this morning was still suffering from painful hoarseness.

News has been received to the effect that Capt. the Rev. J. F. Wiseman, chaplain to the 172nd Battalion, has been suffering from a serious attack of bronchitis in England, and acting under medical instructions he is returning to British Columbia. Capt. Wiseman is well known at the coast and in the interior, where for upwards of two years he has been rector of St. Paul's, Kamloops. The Rev. R. C. Little, of Victoria, officiated in the room of Capt. Wiseman, until his recent return to his home in the city.

### EVENING CLASSES

Some Re-Arrangements Will Be Made When Term Re-Opens Next Week.

In connection with the re-opening of the evening classes under the auspices of the Victoria School Board on Monday some changes are announced.

In the gasoline classes it has been arranged that Instructor Arthur Brown will take Mondays (A division) and

## PUBLIC MEETING at the PRINCESS THEATRE Saturday Evening, Jan. 6 8 p.m.

WAR GRAFTS—Pte. Clark.

CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH—A. Watchman.

AFTER WAR PROBLEMS—Rev. Wm. Stevenson.

You Are Invited.

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Owing to the alterations at the old Boys' Central school for manual training purposes, now in progress, it is understood that the classes at the domestic science centre there, timed for Tuesday and Friday, may be cancelled for the first one or two dates. Further information may be obtained at the School Board office.

## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the Township of Esquimalt that a vote will be taken on Saturday, January 13, 1917, on the question as to whether the WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY SHALL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAYS OR SATURDAYS. The poll will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the 13th day of January at the following places:

For Ward One, at Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt road.

For Ward Two, at Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt road.

For Ward Three, at the store on the corner of Arm and Craigflower road.

Of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The form of ballot will be as follows:

"WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY ACT"	
Are you in favor of a weekly Wednesday Half-Holiday?	
Are you in favor of a weekly Saturday Half-Holiday?	

Place a cross (thus X) opposite the day you favor for a half-holiday. Given under my hand at Esquimalt, B. C. this 3rd day of January, 1917.

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**Tenders for Stationery**

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 1917, for the supply of Stationery for the City Corporation. Specifications and samples may be seen at the office of the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed and marked on outside of envelope "Tenders for Stationery." Each tender must be accompanied by a marked cheque for five per cent. of the amount of the tender, made payable to the City Treasurer. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Tenders are required for the erection of a Store and Post Office at James Island. Plans and specifications may be obtained from the Canadian Explosives, Ltd., Purchasing Department, Arcade Bldg., lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders will be received up to January 15.

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Business Good in Zurich Despite Strained Economical Conditions.

It is not very difficult to gauge the serious economic conditions prevalent in the average German city and rural district to-day. It reports continually reaching this country from varied sources are to be in any way relied upon, those conditions are not only serious in Germany herself, but in the remaining neutral countries contiguous to Central Europe. Some thoroughly reliable information has been received recently by a well-known resident of the city in a communication from relatives in Zurich, Switzerland. In the letter the writer does not disguise the conditions which face the little Alpine republic; on the other hand, and contrary to the popular belief, he states that as far as Zurich is concerned, at any rate, business is good. Switzerland, depending as she does very materially on the premier tourist trade of Europe, has apparently found some measure of substitute in the fact that she is, and so described by this correspondent, virtually one huge internment camp.

Butter, eggs and sugar he speaks of as being difficult to obtain and even then almost beyond the reach of the average purse. Of eggs, he has not seen one for more than a month. Describing war time rye bread, he states that while moderately palatable on the day it is baked, the following day it is often harder than a stone. His story goes out to the poor, who in many cases have been living on coffee, milk and potatoes three times a day, and in view of an exceptionally wet summer the potato crop has been a failure, which will result in untold hardship. Italy, states the writer, has come to the rescue in some measure by allowing the entrance of corn into the republic. He speaks of the necessity of Swiss troops being constantly on the alert along the border, and while the whole nation is undergoing the most trying time in its history, they are ever ready and willing to take up their share of actualities if needs be. It is quite possible in the near future that in addition to the vast number of the exchanged prisoners domiciled upon Zurich that Austrians, Russians and Italians will soon swell the numbers.

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## SAANICH CANDIDATES AT LIVELY MEETING

Reeve McGregor Reads Auditor's Report for 1913 Showing Careless Administration

The meeting of the candidates for re-election in the municipality of Saanich last evening at Keating's hall became very interesting when Reeve McGregor, who is this year retiring from his position on the council to enter the field for school trustee, took the floor and in support of Councilor Borden, who is running for reeve, read the report of the auditor of the municipal books for the year 1913, as a denunciation of the methods of administration under J. Nicholson, who is entering the field against Mr. Borden.

Before reading the report Mr. McGregor said, "If any one is able to prove that this document which I am about to disclose is not true I will immediately donate to the Red Cross Society a cheque for the amount of \$500. Reeve McGregor then read the following extracts from the auditor's report:

"With regard to the administration of the office and the manner in which the work is performed, I regret to report that I consider it very unsatisfactory. At various times I have been suspicious that the work has not been properly handled, and even neglected. I have, however, had no definite proof to substantiate this which would have justified me in reporting to the council, and moreover it is not in my province to supervise the staff in a general way. The conditions of affairs as disclosed at the end of the financial year under review indicate in a very marked way the absence of any discipline and responsible control of the office. I am sorry to say that no serious interest appears to be taken in the work of the office by the members of the staff."

"The Municipal Act requires the annual financial statement to be published by the second Monday in the year. Under the very best of conditions it is a strenuous task to accomplish this. I have on several occasions spoken to Mr. Jackson of the advisability of disregarding the last of January as a public holiday so as to lose as little time as possible. Not only was this not done, but the work was positively neglected on days that were not public holidays, with the result that the books were presented to me in a disgraceful condition, necessitating my wasting much time in having corrections made, which should have been done before the books were handed to me. At this time the absence of capable administration became pronounced."

"Finally, I would say that I am greatly disappointed in the work of the office not being more satisfactory. Probably my remarks appear somewhat severe, but that is not so, as I can quote other instances to prove beyond a doubt the absence of responsible control of the office and lack of efficient executive qualities."

"Now then," said Reeve McGregor when he had finished reading, "it was during the regime of Mr. Nicholson as reeve that these conditions were permitted to exist in the municipal offices of the district. It was the duty of Mr. Nicholson to see to it that the affairs of the office were settled correctly each day, but instead of so doing he seems to have neglected his responsibility entirely."

Mr. Nicholson to Reeve McGregor: "You should have punished those men when you took office; I never saw the report and consequently knew nothing of the conditions."

Reeve McGregor: "It was your duty while in office to find out what was going on at the offices, and you say, Mr. Nicholson, that you intend to manage the municipality in the same manner as you did before, if you are elected. Therefore, gentlemen, if Mr. Nicholson again assumes office you will be confronted once more by an administration of inadequate ability in the municipal offices. It is for this reason that I am strongly supporting Councilor Borden as a candidate for reeve."

In closing, Mr. McGregor stated that he was entering the field as a candidate for school trustee, and that he appealed to the electors of Ward VI. to give him their votes.

In replying to Reeve McGregor, Mr. Nicholson said that he would like to know why the report of the auditor had not been made public when the reeve first took office. "If I had been returned to office I would have put all the wrongdoers in jail. I never saw that report at all. It is also very funny that the Saanich municipality never published its balance sheets as I did when in office. I have had a number of years experience, two years as councillor and four years as reeve, and I would certainly be pleased if anybody will show me where there has been any ill-doing during my time in the council. My policy, if elected, will be retrenchment. The taxation is too heavy. I am a large property owner and I will do all in my power to have the taxes lowered."

Councillor Borden.

Councillor Borden gave an outline of the year's work. He said that the people were capable of choosing the man whom they considered to be most capable to fill the responsible position. The business of the district had been put on an economically sound basis and for every dollar spent there were satisfactory results to show.

Councillor Tanner.

As a candidate for Ward 6 at the coming elections, Councillor Tanner stated that he regretted very much the fact that they were to lose Reeve McGregor. The reeve had put Saanich on a good basis, and he considered that the school board would be very fortunate if he were elected. The councillor

then spoke of the development that was bound to come to the community as a result of the paving of the East Saanich road, and stated that if re-elected to the council he would do all in his power to lessen the water front tax.

Other speakers of the evening were trustees Brooks and Mrs. Hutchinson, who spoke on the year's work. Councilor Diggon, candidate for Ward 7, also referred to the question of water-front taxation.

## FERNWOOD RED CROSS BRANCH ORGANIZED

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Night at Girls' Central School

A Fernwood sub-committee of the Victoria and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society was organized at a well attended meeting held last evening at the Girls' Central School. T. H. Slater, district Red Cross organizer, was in the chair, and outlined the need for more Red Cross workers, more subscriptions, and greater assistance in all departments to meet the great and ever increasing demands for Red Cross supplies. F. W. Jones, chairman of the Victoria branch, expressed pleasure at the size of the meeting, which augured well for the life of the new branch which was about to be organized. He hoped they would meet with every success.

Volunteers to take charge of the rooms were immediately forthcoming, and the organization work was completed. The committee and officers of the new Fernwood branch were appointed as follows: Convenor, Mrs. Andrews; Mrs. Farr, hon. secretary; Mr. Charlton, hon. treasurer; Mesdames Gordon Agnew, Hudson, Watson, Latham, Snelland, Langley, Rathorn, Walker, Knott, McTavish, Disher, Wescott, F. Andrews, Charlton, McCallum, William Wilson, Jenkins, Hollyoak, J. L. Beckwith, Alex. Robinson, Farr, Gough, and Messrs. J. L. Beckwith, Charlton, Farr, and Bassett, committee.

Volunteers to take charge of the rooms daily were not lacking, and the following ladies were finally appointed to supervise the work on the days mentioned: Monday, Mrs. Watson; Tuesday, Mrs. Beckwith; Wednesday, Mrs. McTavish; Thursday, Mrs. Hudson; Friday, Mrs. Gordon Agnew; Saturday forenoons, Mrs. Alex. Robinson.

The selection of a room which might be used as headquarters and work-rooms for the branch was left to Messrs. Beckwith and Bassett, who are to report at the first meeting of the committee early next week. Sewing machines, which were gratefully accepted, were offered by Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Agnew, and the Misses Skelton and Charlton. Anyone else in the district who would like to give practical help to the work by lending a machine would be assisting the committee.

The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and all present who volunteered to assist at the workrooms showed keen anxiety to have the work commenced immediately. Mr. Slater during the evening referred to the fact that sub-committees were to be organized and workrooms opened in the Fairfield and James Bay districts, and that by the end of January he hoped the number of women workers would be greatly increased.

## ARTS CLUB "AT HOME"

New Rooms in Union Bank Building Open to Members Last Night.

The Island Arts and Crafts Club were "At Home" last evening, the occasion being arranged to introduce members and their friends to the new club rooms, Union Bank building, the furnishing of which has just been completed. About sixty people were present, and during the early part of the evening listened to an interesting talk by Mr. Emberson, author of a widely read book on Verney-le-Bain, who spoke very entertainingly of the Pyrenees country, describing the scenery, the picturesque people, and the artistic colorings in a way which appealed to all the art lovers present.

Mr. Bamford, president of the club, was in the chair, and referring to the opening of the club rooms, pointed out that at the annual meeting a special committee had been authorized to rent and furnish the quarters as a club room. The small amount of funds set aside for the purpose had been very judiciously expended by the purchasing committee, Miss Crease and Mr. Fairbairn, and assisted by articles given or lent by members, the quarters had taken on a very comfortable appearance. For this, their opening meeting, they had been given the use of an adjoining room, kindly lent by Miss Kittie. Members could use the rooms at all times, not only for general and committee meetings, but as a place where the members could meet for work or in a social way.

Last night's meeting was the first of a succession of similar meetings which it is hoped to hold monthly when lectures on subjects of interest to artists will be given. Also, he pointed out, drawing classes might be arranged and casts and models provided for the use of students.

A shower is being held for the club room, the following being among the articles required: Hand-towels, soap, paper-basket, blackboard, donations to pay for material for cupboards, material for screen, chairs, stand for model, 1 mattress for same, 1 covering for same, 1 slate and pencils, teaspoons, ash-trays, small tablecloth, etc. Already a number of pictures, lent by artists, decorate the walls, and flowers added to the generally pleasing effect of the arrangements last evening.

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